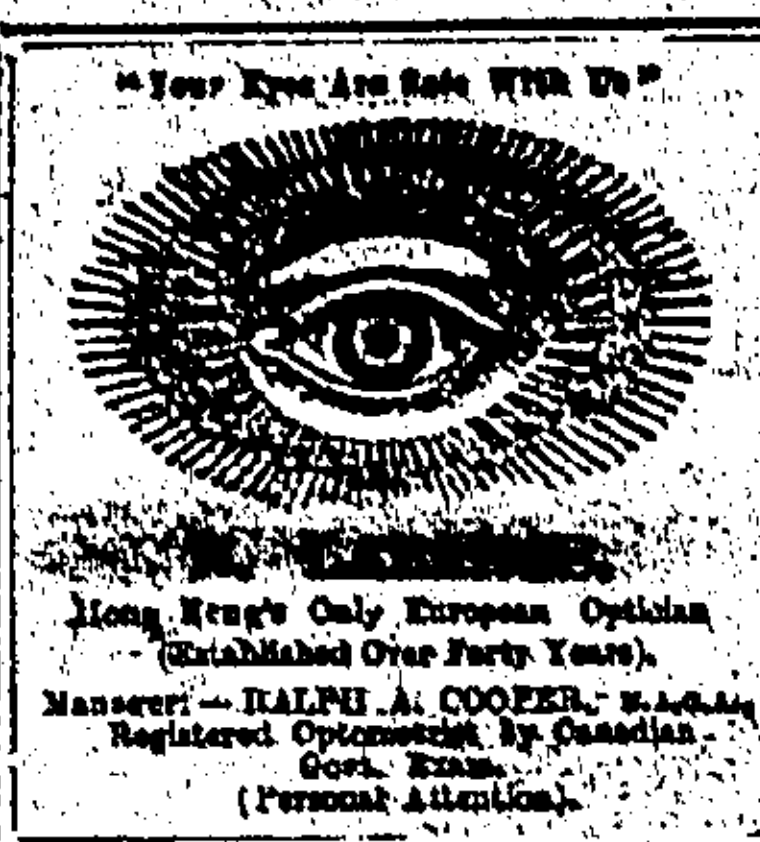


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Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	10.05	10.35	12.35	1.40	2.40	4.50	6.00	7.30
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No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Brandy.
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"HOI MOK" CEREMONY.

THE BANK'S AIMS OUTLINED.

Amid much firing of crackers, the Instone Banking Corporation, at No. 25, Des Voeux Road Central, held its official opening yesterday.

"Hoi Mok," or bowing to the flag of the institution was performed by all the guests present.

The building was gaily decorated and refreshments were served to the guests from 10 to 12 a.m. on the first floor of the premises.

At 11 a.m. the official ceremony of uncovering the flag was performed by Mr. Kwok Chin Yung, and when the flag with "I.B.C." at the centre, was revealed, the guests bowed.

Mr. Instone Brewer followed this ceremony with a speech, in which he said:

"To-day is the embodiment of an idea, I might almost say an ideal of mine, but its fruition has been much larger than originally intended. The original idea included the protection of savings, investigation of investments, impartial financial advice, and management of property. Many are too busy making money adequately to care for their investments. Many leave the Colony on holiday, and require competent and trustworthy management in their absence. Many have a preference for placing their property in the names of others as trustees. Every one dies and there is much loss of estate in cases of unsatisfactory executorship.

Such an idea did not require a bank, not even a largely capitalized firm, but the support and acclamation with which the idea was received in all parts of China forced the expansion of the original scheme. Fung King Kwong, King Chung Kwan, Kwok Chun Yung, Cho Ming Cho, Lai Yuen Hung, these are not men to be content with so unambitious a programme as I had intended.

It must be a bank, a large bank, a bank with many branches, itself prominent in all investments that it is able to recommend to others. I admit that it is a great improvement that we should be financially able to exploit investments that our investigations have approved but consider that the expansion into many branches necessitated by their plans requires that a banker of experience should enter to guide such expansion. Among our supporters there are many such and there has been no difficulty in finding such a man for the purpose.

Having this day therefore brought the organization to the point where the wheels go round, I shall henceforth concentrate on that financial and trustee business originally planned by me, while banking business and branch management will be carried for by hands more experienced in banking than mine.

Several letters of congratulations from well known Chinese in various parts of China were then read by Mr. Dung Gung Suk. Among the letters were those from:—Mr. Lai Yuen Hung, Former President of China, Peking; Mr. Fung Chung Kong, Minister to Germany, Peking; Mr. Fung Kam Kong, President of the Government Bank of China, Peking; Mr. Cheung Wu, Minister of Finance, Peking; Mr. Kwok Chun, Chief Manager of Wing On, Ltd., Hong Kong; Mr. To Chak Man, Assistant Manager Wing On, Ltd., Hong Kong; Mr. Kwok Lok, Chief Manager Wing On, Ltd., Shanghai; Bank of China, Hong Kong; Mr. Mah Wing Chan, Manager of Sincere Co., Ltd.; Mr. Tso Heng Mai, Manager Industrial and Commercial Bank; and Mr. Hai Chung, Chairman Chamber of Commerce, Macao.

The opening ceremony concluded with complimentary speeches in Chinese, in which tributes were paid to the Chinese promoters and to Mr. Brewer.

The gathering then broke up and proceeded upstairs, where a party was held.

OLD CONVICT'S THREE
HOUR SPEECH.

For three hours at the Old Bailey Simon Cain, an old convict, addressed the jury in his own defence to a charge of stealing a horse and gig.

He finished by saying that "he had had to leave out a lot of points because he was tired of talking."

Asked by Judge Atherley-Jones, when the jury had found him guilty, if he had anything more to add, Cain said:

"The jury have come to their conclusion on your direction. There is not one among them it seems enough to understand it. (Laughter.)"

Detective-Sergeant Horrell said that Cain was a man of violent character and the terror of Deptford. He had 58 convictions dating back to 1898, when he was given 12 strokes, with the lash for robbery with violence.

He was sentenced to five years penal servitude.

THE LAND OF SPOILED
DARLINGS.AS DEMOCRALISING SOCIAL-
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THOSE CHINA DOLL WOMEN.

New York.

The question whether the American woman is a spoiled creature, the willing victim of her husband's wealth, which has constantly interested psychologists in the United States, has been brought to the fore again by the announcement that women form the majority of passengers on the millionaire sport of winter cruises.

Ninety-four cruises have been arranged already for this winter, mostly to Mediterranean ports. Twenty-five thousand Americans will go on them, paying over \$3,000,000 for the luxuries provided. Of these, sixty per cent. will be women, and it is asserted that many of the forty per cent. of the men would not be present but for the urgings of their wives and daughters.

The winter cruise fashion would cease to exist, it is declared, if American women were less given to idleness. Many other American institutions would also become extinguished, such as women's poker clubs, and similar methods of seeking entertainment outside the home, so Americans say, if the women of the country were not spoiled.

"Getting Away With It."

Dr. David Swedden, Professor of Education at Columbia University, affirms that American cities are producing a large number of idle wives, who are as demoralising socially as tramps. This ungallant assertion finds support among both men and women. Louis Bromfield, one of the most promising of the younger American novelists, whose recent book, "A Good Woman," has met with wide success in its attack on the dictatorial type of American mother, declares that the American woman has been placed on a pedestal she does not deserve. "If she bears one child she thinks she has performed a miracle," Mr. Bromfield says. "As a rule, the American woman is unfair. She gives very little. She takes for granted that she is 'it,' and the men let her get away with this: almost every man in America works himself to death."

It is really astounding how American men worship their women. They handle them as if they were china doll goddesses. A tremendous reverence has been developed about the holiness of motherhood. After all, bearing children is but part of a woman's business. The thing has been going on for some time.

Not only men novelists but the women themselves are seeing the faults of America's womanhood. Miss Mary Borden, whose satire on New York society, "Flamingo," is receiving much attention, thus describes the American marriage:—

To allow oneself to be worshipped was one of the obligations of the American woman. Marriage was a chilly, private chapel within whose walls a certain ritual went on. The goddess, all aglitter with little jewels and trinkets, and attired in a gorgeous embroidered mantle, stood meekly in her shrine behind the lighted candles, while the poor mortal who adored her knelt on the stones before her radiant altar.

Many of the men got up from their knees to go to their offices and earn the money necessary for the decoration of their shrines. There was a great competition in shrines in New York. If some poor wretch's goddess noticed that her rival goddess had a more costly string of pearls than she, there was a fight.

—Evening Standard.

MEXICAN FARMER UN-
EARTH'S TREASURE.GOLD AND JEWELS BURIED
A CENTURY AGO.

MEXICO CITY. Buried treasure valued at more than \$50,000 is stated to have been discovered by a farmer, Francisco Calderon, on his estate in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The estate, which has belonged to Signor Calderon's family for more than 150 years, was seized in 1815 and held for more than four years by a gang of robbers under their leader, "El Solo," a famous Mexican bandit.

Numerous stories of "El Solo's" daring have been handed down. He derived his nickname from his single-handed robberies, and it is known that he buried a large part of his spoils.

It is now believed that Signor Calderon has found one of these secret hoards.

He was ploughing a distant corner of his estate when he unearthed a large wooden box which contained jewels, gold coins of a century ago, and a large number of gold church ornaments.

The contents of the box have been examined by jewellers here, who state that they are at least 100 years old, and who assess their value at more than \$50,000.

AN ESTIMATE OF MR.
CHURCHILL."GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY
MIGHT SOBER HIM."

One of the shrewdest estimates yet published of the political personality of Mr. Winston Churchill appeared in *The Banker*, in the form of an article by his predecessor at the Treasury, Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P.

"Mr. Churchill," says Mr. Snowden, "is the adventurer, the soldier of fortune. An escapade has an irresistible fascination for him. It is related, with what truth I do not know, that when the Cabinet were waiting for the last stroke of twelve which brought Great Britain into the war, he alone among his colleagues was full of feverish excitement. When the last note struck he is reported to have said: 'Now we are in it! The war to him was a great adventure.'"

"This story, whether true or not, is typical of Mr. Churchill. It is the recklessness of his character, the love of excitement, the feverish desire to be doing something which has in it the spice of risk and adventure which explain why he is such a fascinating personality in public life. It also explains why he is not trusted but admired, and why he has never been able to arouse that personal affection and devotion of the public which statesmen like Mr. Gladstone, Lord Oxford, Lord Balfour, and others have secured."

Will he yet achieve higher political office? He is still young enough to go farther. I know of only one obstacle possibly to prevent that, and to that I have referred already. His changes of party have undoubtedly prejudiced his chances of becoming Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party. They have not inspired confidence in his political stability."

If He Were Premier.

"If Mr. Churchill had remained in the Conservative Party I do not doubt that he would to-day have been Prime Minister. He has far greater qualifications for that position than any other member of the present Government. But there is always a lurking fear that his recklessness might land his Government and the country into a deplorable misfortune."

"But I think a sense of grave responsibility might sober him. Though a man of strong individuality he is not uninfluenced by his officials and advisers, and I have often been entertained to hear him repeat with grave solemnity sound financial maxims which I recognised as the doctrine of the Treasury officialism though the voice was the voice of Churchill."

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THREE MURDERS IN LIGHT-
HOUSE.ON PERILOUS AFRICAN
COAST.TRIBESMEN ESCAPE ON
CAMELBACK.

PARIS. News has reached Paris of the murder by wandering desert tribesmen, of the lighthouse keeper and his two assistants at Capt. Blanco, on the West Coast of Africa, in a region which has recently become so unsafe that it is dangerous for Europeans to land there.

Duak was falling when two Moors of the notorious Ouel Delim tribe, whose members recently carried off and tortured two French sailors, who made a forced landing in their district, stealthily made their way into the lighthouse. They stole the rifle and ammunition of one of the keepers who was absent at the moment and entered a room on the ground floor where another assistant was sleeping, shooting him dead in his bed.

At the sound of the shot the second assistant rushed up, only to be shot dead in his turn. The head keeper was in the lamp room trimming his lantern. He ran down and was also shot dead as he reached the foot of the stairs. The Moors fled on a camel which they had unheeded from a stake adjoining the desert-shore lighthouse.

As a result of the triple murder the lighthouse remained unlighted all that night, exposing many ships passing between European and West African ports to grave danger.

When the crime was reported next day to the French authorities by the wife of one of the murdered men, aeroplanes were sent to scour the country for trace of the murderers.

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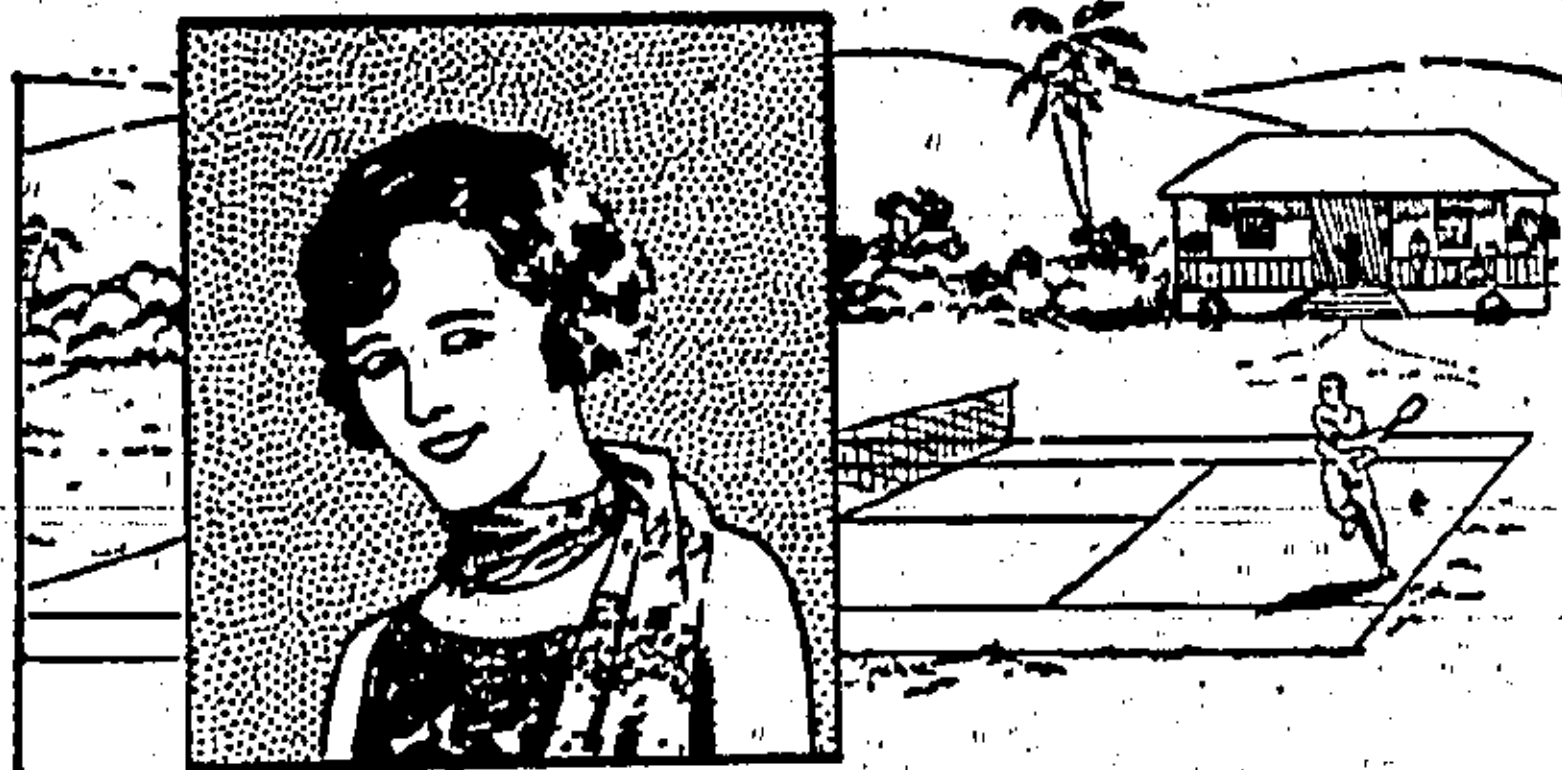
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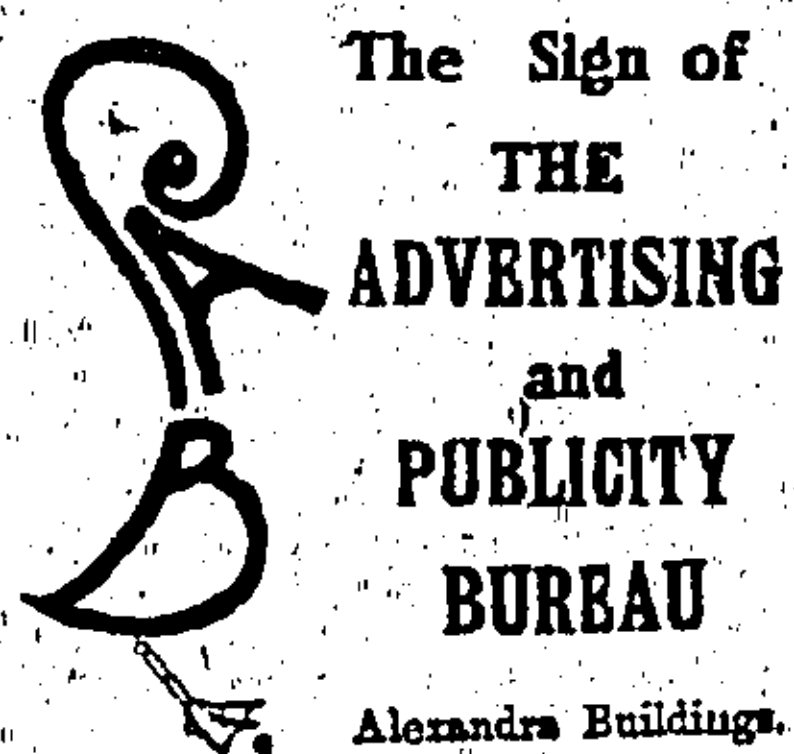
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MAN DROWNED IN MOLASSES.

CURIOUS CALCUTTA CASE.

QUESTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Whether a mass of molasses—approximately 12,000 tons—into which a man had fallen and was drowned would be fit for human consumption was a point raised at an inquest held at Calcutta on the body of Arab Ali (30).

It was stated that the man was repairing a steel tank belonging to the Pure Cane Molasses Company at Kanapookar. The structure was 120 feet by 35 feet high, and was filled with molasses to a depth of 27 feet. Arab Ali accidentally fell in and was drowned. The accident happened at 7 o'clock in the morning of October 29th and the body was taken out at 5.30 in the afternoon.

Dr. Bejoy Bhushan Bose stated that he held the post-mortem examination on the body on October 23rd, in the afternoon. It was in a highly decomposed state.

Mr. Steel-Perkins (for the Pure Cane Molasses Company): The body was taken out at 5.30 on the previous day; so you held the post-mortem 19 hours after!—Yes.

During these 19 hours there would be sufficient time to bring in decomposition?—If the body was kept outside, then nineteen hours would effect high decomposition; but the body was kept in the freezing room at the morgue where the temperature is maintained at 45 degrees.

Coroner: Will the fact of the body having been in the molasses for over ten hours tend to make it more decomposed?—I cannot say.

Mr. Goodyear, a director of the Pure Cane Molasses Company, stated that the value of the molasses was about Rs. 6 lakhs.

Coroner: What do you propose to do with the molasses?—It has been decided to deliver it among the molasses trade for the purpose of distillation and for preparing country tobacco and industrial alcohol.

To Be Sold.

Coroner: What is the decision of the Health Officer?—He first condemned it but after investigation he decided to withdraw the condemnation.

Witnesses said the body had not decomposed when taken out of the tank.

Major De, Police Surgeon, said that the fact of the body having been in the molasses would accelerate decomposition, but as a rule decomposition did not start before twelve hours.

Asked to give his opinion whether in the circumstances the molasses could be recommended for human consumption, Major De said he thought that the Health Officer's opinion on the point would be more appropriate. Pressed, however, he said that if dirty clothes, etc., were excluded it would be difficult to say why the mere fact of the body having fallen into the molasses would endanger health. On the other hand, the body having remained there for such a length of time rendered the chances of infection by disease-producing germs so great that he would not recommend it for human consumption.

Coroner: What is your opinion about distillation?—My opinion is that distillation would render the molasses fit for human consumption because no germs can live in the steam.

The inquest was adjourned for the examination of the Health Officer.

CRIME INCREASE OF 66 PER CENT.

SOUTH AFRICAN ANXIETY.

MORE OFFENCES BY NATIVES.

CRIMES OF A SERIOUS NATURE in the Union of South Africa show a startling increase, states Sir Theodore Truter (Commissioner of Police) in a report which has aroused considerable misgiving.

During the five years terminated in December last, murder, rape, house-breaking, stock theft, and similar crimes have increased by 30,682 cases, or 6 per cent.

No fewer than 732 persons, or one in every 10,370 of the total population of the Union, lost their lives through crimes of violence last year. A similar ratio in England would mean the murder or manslaughter of about 4,200 people a year!

There has been a particularly marked increase in native crime, and the task of the police has been rendered more difficult by the up-to-date methods employed by criminals, the cheap transport facilities at the disposal of almost every law-breaker, and the better methods of communication.

While crime is on the upgrade, South Africa has fewer police than it employed in 1920. The total strength of the Union's police force is only 10,441, and as the total population is 7,567,024 there is but one policeman to 737 people. The total cost of the Union's police department last year worked out at 68,91d. per head of the population.

ROBBER GANGS AT HARBIN.

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE.

ONE LOT BROKEN UP.

HARBIN, Dec. 10th.

There is no question that the detective force of Harbin are a clever lot of men and during the past month they have been very busy clearing up the gang which has committed so many robberies in the town. They ran to earth two of the men who committed the daring robbery of \$40,000 on a main street in the daytime, both of them being killed in the attack on their house, and now they have run others to earth in Tientsin.

Yesterday three trunks of valuables were received from that town, all being articles stolen in Harbin, and a sum of nearly \$10,000 was also found, thus proving that the town men killed here did not burn all the proceeds of the robbery. With the final clean up of all this gang, there should not be so many daring hold ups as there have been. The gang which has been broken up is Russian but there are also Chinese gangs which work for smaller amounts. One of these made an attempt to rob a house a couple of days ago, but the son of the house got out by a back-door and warned the police. In this manner one of the bandits was caught and the others dropped all the goods they had stolen in their haste to get away.—P. & T. Times.

KILLING AND LOOTING IN HUPEH DISTRICTS.

COMMUNIST REIGN OF TERROR.

A reign of terror has been created by Communists in many of the Hupeh districts including Hwangnan, Mienyuan and Hanchuen and, as a result, a large number of Chinese landlords and wealthy people in the interior have been murdered and their properties seized. According to reliable information to hand, the Bolshevik agents have organised a "peasants' army" in all these districts fighting against Government troops sent to suppress them. In Hwangnan district, there are over two thousand armed Communist troops and a so-called "Peasants' Government" has been established. According to refugees arriving here, killing and looting has become common where the control is entirely in the hands of a few notorious Communist leaders.

Magistrate's Yamen Burned.

Mienyuan, situated west of Hanyang, is also at the complete mercy of the Communists. On the 7th inst. an armed gang raided the yamen of the Magistrate and set fire to the building, two of the members of the Magistrate's family being burned to death. The Magistrate was kidnapped for ransom. During the Communist coup, over 200 civilians were shot and killed. Mr. Liu, head of the Education Bureau, was shot twice, while the Chief of Police was stabbed with knives several times. Both the Police Headquarters and Post Office were looted and destroyed by fire.

Many Murdered in Hanchuen.

Communists in Hanchuen district, according to reports received, have organised a "Daredevil" Corps for the sole purpose of murdering innocent inhabitants. Women and children have been killed in the streets and lawlessness prevails. The family of the leading landlord of the district are all reported to have been shot by the terrorists. It is understood locally that the military authorities in Wuhan are sending an expedition to the various districts to clean out the Communists and to suppress the revolt of the peasants under Red influence.—Hankow Herald.

EUROPEAN'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

MEMBER OF SINGAPORE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 28nd.

The case concerning Mr. N. C. Begg's attempted suicide was again mentioned before Mr. H. R. Bull, second magistrate, yesterday.

Begg gave an undertaking that he would not repeat the offence and was bound over in personal security in the sum of \$100 to come up for judgment if called upon to do so. Begg told the magistrate that he was hoping to get the money for his passage home from the St. Andrew's Society.

Inspector King said that the St. Andrew's Society was willing to pay Begg's passage, but not his wife's. In reply to Mr. Bull, Begg said that he was legally married to his wife, who had stuck by him for seven years and he was leaving this morning for home. In his success, all days he had been a member of the St. Andrew's Society and had subscribed liberally to its funds. He had always assisted "broken Scotsmen."—Singapore Free Press.

DESERT ARREST DRAMA.

SHEIKH WHO KILLED COL. LEACHMAN.

THE MAN WHO COUNTERED GERMAN INTRIGUE.

The Sheikh Dari, leader of the Zowbaa tribe in the Mosul region, who is alleged to have murdered Colonel Leachman, British political officer for the desert, when the latter was visiting the tribal tents in the summer of 1920, has been arrested after seven years.

A motor driver, recognising him, drove him to the office of the local governor, where the Sheikh is reported to have confessed his guilt.

Col. G. E. Leachman, D.S.O., Royal Sussex Regiment, was a famous Arab traveller and one of the most distinguished and widely known Political Officers. He was shot at Khan Nukta, midway between Baghdad and Feluga, on August 12th, 1920, while accepting from the Sheikh Dari, the hospitality of a tent for the night. Some striking incidents of the colonel's life of adventure were related in 1920 by the Rev. W. A. Wigram, D.D., who had many years of experience in Mesopotamia.

He became aware of the net of German intrigue being spread over the whole Ottoman Empire, and he used the prestige that he had won for himself among the men of the desert to combat it. How well he did it was shown by the German agents, who wrote: "We have spent money like water but we cannot counter the personal prestige of that man."

After the war, as virtual Governor of the Mosul Province, he used to visit unruly tribes. He would stalk out of an aeroplane and say: "Greeting to you, chiefs all. I have come to say that I know what you are up to. And, take my word for it, it won't do."

CARING FOR THE LEPERS IN SIAM.

REFUGE AT BANGKOK IN AN OLD FORT.

The care of lepers in this big kingdom is receiving renewed attention, writes the *Singapore Free Press* correspondent in Siam. For years the pioneer station in the north of Siam has been carried on by the American Presbyterian Mission, the Government first of all granting an island site in the river for the purposes of an asylum, and later on making itself responsible for an annual contribution in cash.

In the eastern provinces the lepers have been gathered as far as possible in a settlement near Korat, which can later on be developed into an asylum if the numbers warrant.

In Bangkok where there have been for many years an undesirable number of persons suffering from this terrible disease, a place of refuge has been established below the city on the river, utilising the site of an old fort, and there the Red Cross Society of Siam have set up a settlement on modern lines for lepers. The Government has again assisted with a grant and the result of the work is that there is an appreciable decline in the number of lepers to be seen about the streets of Bangkok. It has recently been discovered that there are good many lepers in the peninsula, and a station has been opened for them in the centre of this district at Nakon Sri Tamarat. This is under the care of an American doctor, and like similar efforts in other parts of the country is receiving the assistance of the authorities.

There are thus now at work four stations in Siam all trying to care for the leper community, and if those suffering from the disease will only submit themselves for treatment, it is felt that the situation, as far as this particular disease is concerned, is well in hand.

BRITONS AND SIBERIAN ROUTE.

HARBIN, Dec. 10th.

The last two or three weeks more British subjects are again travelling by the Siberian express and the Soviet Consulate in Harbin makes not the slightest difficulty in the issue of visas. Amongst the passengers who are leaving this evening are some Tientsin residents. An accident has occurred to the express from Vladivostok to Moscow but full particulars have not yet been received in Harbin. It is rumoured that four passengers were killed and about twenty injured.—P. & T. Times.

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CROCODILES' EGGS.

JURU RIVER CREEK DISCOVERY.

RETAILED AS "STRONG MEDICINE."

"In connection with crocodiles' eggs, in 1908 I was stationed in an official capacity at Bukit Mertajam, Province Wellesley," writes a correspondent of the *Morning Post*. "Below the house, across a stretch of paddland, a narrow strip of secondary jungle and mangrove swamp bordered a small creek leading to the Juru River. Thither I went one evening, after office hours, on the chance of getting a shot at green pigeons as they came home to roost. I found a small clearing in the secondary jungle, and nearly in the middle of it a heap of leaves some two or three feet high on which I proceeded to sit to wait for the birds to come over. A minute or two afterwards, on looking down, I saw a hole on one side of the heap, and jumped up in a hurry, thinking that I might be sitting on a snake's nest.

"Further search revealed a corresponding hole on the other side of the heap, and investigations with a stick produced crocodile's eggs, about 40 or 50 in all, arranged in neat concentric circles; an examination of the creek showed

marks of the claws of a large crocodile on the bank. The eggs were cylindrical, not ovoid, with rounded ends, about as large as those of a goose, rough and very thick in the shell, and of a dull white colour, each showed distinctly, in the exact centre, a paler band of fertilising fluid about half an inch across. Most of them were appropriated by my peon and retailed by him to the local Chinese at 90 cents apiece; the crocodile's egg is 'strong medicine'!"

Crocodile Egg Pudding!
Another correspondent quotes an incident which occurred to him when a young officer on one of the old tea clippers. The ship was lying in Bangkok roads taking in a cargo. The skipper one day brought on board a number of crocodile eggs, and gave orders to the steward to blow them, as the shells were to be retained as curios. On the following day a rice pudding was part of the menu at dinner. I had first serving, and thought there was something peculiar in flavour; it tasted as one could imagine would be the taste of river mud. I waited until the other sampled the sweet, then the skipper observed there was something wrong I blurted out, "It must be made with the crocodile's eggs." The steward, being questioned, said he thought he was being economical, and so used their Verbal explosion.

THE RED TERROR AT SWABUE.

H.M.S. "SERAPH" RESCUES MEMBERS OF ITALIAN MISSION.

COMMUNIST LEADERS OVERAWED.

REPORTS OF MASSACRE AND PARRICIDAL BARBARISM.

ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF COMMUNISM IN PRACTISE.

The horrible nature of Communism as practised by the Chinese under Russian tutelage was clearly demonstrated by the two days of Terrorist rule at Canton. Conditions in the provinces, where gangs of pirates and brigands are carrying out the principles of the most monstrous of political creeds are beyond belief.

At Swabue a horrible outrage was planned against the Italian and Chinese missionaries, but after the majority had been dragged to prison, one of them, very fortunately, escaped to Hong Kong and reported what was happening to Bishop Valtorta. His Lordship at once sought the aid of His Excellency the Governor and H.M.S. Seraph was despatched to the scene of the disturbance.

RABBLE BROUGHT TO HEEL.

A curt note demanded the surrender of the prisoners and though there was bluster and initial refusal to give up Father Wong, a British subject, the leaders of the cowardly rabble were soon brought to reason by the sight of the British warship clearing for action and all the prisoners were released.

The Christian community at Swabue has undergone great persecution and at least 15 have lost their lives. The whole district is being terrorised and over a hundred executions are reported daily. It is easy to understand why such forces of law and order as remain in China have started a campaign of extermination against Communism and the foreign fanatics spreading its methods.

A REFUGEE'S STORY.

When H.M.S. Seraph returned to Hong Kong from Swabue on Tuesday evening she brought welcome tidings as to the safety of three Catholic priests and seven Catholic Sisters who had been taken captive by Communists at Swabue and imprisoned for several days and hourly expecting to be executed.

The first news of what seemed to be certain tragedy was brought to Hong Kong on Monday by a Chinese Christian convert who had fortunately been able to escape from the scene of a rule of terror horrible beyond words.

This convert related to Bishop Valtorta immediately on his arrival the plight of the priests and sisters at Swabue. He gave horrible details of the atrocities which are being daily carried out by the Reds at Swabue, which is not a great distance from Bias Bay, and is in a district controlled by the Hoi Luk Fung Soviet.

It appears, from the story told by the escaped convert, that for some time past small parties of soldiers had been raiding the Catholic Mission House at Swabue, but matters became serious last Thursday at about the time when Fathers were taking their mid-day meal, about one hundred soldiers invaded the house turned the Fathers into a small room, and then proceeded to ransack the Mission. Following this the Fathers and Sisters were imprisoned.

Proceeding with his report to Bishop Valtorta, the convert stated that three priests and seven sisters had been imprisoned by the Communists, and that one of the priests, a Chinese, was under sentence of death to be carried out on Christmas morning.

The priests were Fathers M. Robba and L. Bianchi (Italians), and Father Wong, who is a British subject, born in Hong Kong. There were also imprisoned the Canoness Sisters Cleofe and Lizetta, the Italian Sisters Roman, and Filipina, and four Chinese nuns.

The convent which housed about 30 girls, in addition to the Sisters mentioned, was raided by the soldiers after they had finished with the Catholic Mission, and the Sisters were forced into the Mission at the point of the rifle, protestations of the priests being met with further threats.

The priests and sisters were told that they had been arrested, by the Communists for preaching and practising Christianity. They were paraded through the streets, and ultimately the priests and sisters were imprisoned in a filthy place, which was termed a Chinese Hotel, and which the Communists had confiscated for use as a military barracks.

At first the captors ordered the Chinese nuns to be led to the common prison, but when the priests protested the Chinese nuns were allowed to join the Italians.

In the meanwhile the Mission had been sealed and the Italian Fathers were kept in their filthy place of confinement and reviled by the soldiers. They were given no chance of sleep, soldiers making merry, and keeping gramophones playing all night.

FATHER WONG'S PLIGHT.

Father Wong, the Chinese priest, had been separated from his fellow priests and with chains around his neck and feet he was taken to a filthy gaol which housed thirty other people. He was given no food at first, but with the little money they had been allowed to retain, the Italian priests managed to secure him something to eat. It was from this prison that prisoners were led out daily for execution, by the sword, pistol bullet, or hanging from the gallows.

Later it was announced that Father Wong had been sentenced to execution by the death of "a thousand cuts," and that this was to take place on Christmas Day, but the priests asked his gaolers to shoot him instead. The sentence, however, was never carried out.

The other priests and sisters were kept in captivity in their filthy prison and kept in suspense as to their fate.

On Christmas Day there was a huge "Red" demonstration in Swabue, villagers flocking to the city from the surrounding villages. At least 15,000 persons took part in the procession.

The demonstration lasted for over five hours and it was directed mainly at the Christians. It is feared that fifteen Chinese Christians were murdered by the mob, and that some Mission servants, who were taken prisoner earlier in the week, were among those killed. This procession was so arranged that it marched past the place in which the priests were held, and they were subjected to every kind of insult and menace.

All this time the sisters had also been held prisoner and very little better treatment was meted out to them.

The report of the escaped convert to Bishop Valtorta concluded with the news that the mission building and Convent Orphanage had been completely sacked and closed down. Naturally this report caused Bishop Valtorta the greatest apprehension, and he called on H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) late on Monday evening soliciting assistance for the missionaries.

Bishop Valtorta was then placed in touch with Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Commander-in-Chief of the China Station) who immediately ordered H.M.S. Seraph to prepare to leave for Swabue. The Seraph is commanded by Lieut. Comdr. R. B. Wilmot-Sitwell, and she steamed out of Hong Kong Harbour at midnight, Bishop Valtorta, who formerly served as a missionary in the district in question, going as interpreter, a post for which he volunteered. There was also on board a Chinese priest named Chan, a refugee from Swabue.

The Seraph arrived at her destination at dawn on Tuesday, and a rescue party, commanded by Lieut. Comdr. Wilmot-Sitwell put off in a motor-boat and a whaler.

As the boats approached the shore, a crowd of some 200 soldiers assembled. They showed great surprise and alarm frantically gesticulating to the Naval party and signalling them not to land.

A white flag was flown by the Naval party, who indicated through Bishop Valtorta, who held up a letter written in Chinese, and addressed to the Chief of Police at Swabue, that they had a letter to deliver to the Communist leaders.

The crowd were informed that they had no reason to be afraid, and that the letter simply asked for the surrender of Father Wong, and the release of other missionary captives.

Eventually, wading knee-deep into the water, a soldier took off the letter.

The rescue party were kept waiting for half-an-hour before a reply was received from the authorities, who stated in it that they were quite ready to deliver up the European captives, but claimed that since Father Wong was a Chinese he must be dealt with by Chinese law.

In view of this unsatisfactory reply as regards Father Wong a second note was despatched from the Seraph stating that they had come for Father Wong as well, as he was a British subject. The Chinese were warned that they must act quicker in the matter, and Father Wong's immediate release was emphatically demanded. Commander Wilmot-Sitwell accompanied this demand with an insistence that a time limit be fixed of a half hour for a reply.

Later, a written reply was received, stating that as Father Wong was a British subject he would be delivered over to the Naval party.

COMMUNIST BLUSTER.

This reply contained a blustering protest against the Seraph being present, and claimed that the warship had no business in Chinese waters without permission, and went on to threaten that if the visit was repeated the Chinese would fire on the warship from the shore.

In a very short time afterwards, however, all the captives, including Father Wong, were delivered, including two Chinese foundlings. The head executioner accompanied the captives to the shore, shaking hands with Father Wong before his departure.

NO NONSENSE.

As a sign that no nonsense would be stood, H.M.S. Seraph cleared for action while negotiations were in progress so as to be ready with her reply in the event of hostilities commencing from the shore.

Naval parties were also standing by ready for landing if necessary, but Bishop Valtorta was of the opinion that the missionaries would sooner face the supreme sacrifice than have forcible action taken for their deliverance.

The rescued party believed that the Communists were apprehensive of the approach of Canton Government anti-Red troops, and therefore held as hostages the missionaries, who would no doubt have been put to death in the event of an attack. The missionaries stated that they saw no hope of being released until H.M.S. Seraph arrived repeated requests to leave in junks having been refused.

Before the captives were allowed to depart they were warned that they must not return to preach Christianity.

WELCOME ABOARD THE "SERAPH."

Once on board H.M.S. Seraph, the rescued priests and sisters received the kindest treatment from Commander Wilmot-Sitwell and the officers and crew.

The Seraph left Swabue during the forenoon of Tuesday, and arrived at Hong Kong late in the afternoon.

BISHOP VALTORTA'S THANKS.

Bishop Valtorta has addressed a letter conveying his most grateful thanks to H.E. the Governor and to Admiral Tyrwhitt and the officers and men of H.M.S. Seraph for the promptness of the manner in which a completely successful rescue was accomplished without incident. He also returns thanks on behalf of the priests and sisters for the kindness shown to them after their rescue. They are especially grateful for the rescue of Father Wong.

RUSSIAN SOVIET METHODS OF MURDER.

The European priests were eyewitnesses of executions from their prison windows.

Executions, they state, were a daily occurrence, excepting on one occasion last week when the appearance of Revenue launches at anchor at Swabue restrained the Communists from carrying out their daily dose of murder.

Executions have been carried out in all thirteen administrative centres. Hoi Luk Fung district is now completely terrorised by the Communists who murder at will after the manner of Turkish methods in Russia.

The victims are often seen being led in a procession with parings through nose and ears and bound with rope.

There were thirteen executions at Swabue on Christmas morning, nine of the victims being men and four women. One of the victim's alleged offence was that he had shown friendliness to the priests. In another case a woman was shot for helping the Sisters in the working of the Chinese foundlings Home. This woman knelt down before the executioner begging to be shot, instead of being decapitated or put to death by the slicing method. An aged Chinese, of eighty years, and a friend of Bishop Valtorta, was barbarously put to death by the slicing process.

The refugees state that during the last two months the executions must have been at least 150 daily over all districts, the heads of victims ornamenting the walls of the Communist Headquarters, which are literally painted "Red."

At every execution people are compelled to rejoice and to shout while victims are undergoing the most revolting cruelties. When the procession of captured priests and nuns passed toward prison, the bystanders respectfully and sympathetically, maintained silence, dreading the fate awaiting their benefactors.

Father Wong's execution by the slicing process was publicly proclaimed.

The Hoi Luk Fung district is the worst centre of the Communist organisation, many of the members of which are lads and girls of 15 to 18 years of age.

One lad of 18 years, armed with a loaded revolver, prodded an Italian priest in the stomach, saying "follow me to prison."

TERRIFYING CONDITIONS.

Some idea of the terrible conditions prevailing under Communist control in the Hoi Luk Fung district has been gathered from the rescued Fathers and Sisters.

It is related that one of the Tschaka executioners was given a reward of \$300 for cutting off the heads of 30 victims at a single blow per head, whereas the usual fee per head is \$2, thus he received \$40 above the stipulated sum, as a bonus.

It is a common saying among Communists in the Hoi Luk Fung district "that better far to kill 1,000 innocent men than to allow to escape a single anti-Communist."

The Communist motto is "Kill, Kill, Kill," or in other words, blood lust pervades the entire district.

Passers by in the streets have often heard one section of the Communists reproaching another section for not having killed enough victims.

Conditions are so terrifying throughout the whole district that people are forbidden to speak in whispers for fear that if caught speaking in undertones to one another they will be accused of conspiring against the Communist organisation.

Family ties, so sacred among Chinese, no longer have any influence in Hoi Luk Fung. In fact one young lad was his father's accuser. In another case a lad looked on and laughed while his father was dragged to prison.

THE COMMUNIST POLICY.

The Communist policy in the district referred to is stated to be in the main as under—

The destruction of capitalists.
The killing of every village owner.
The killing of opium smokers.
The killing of gamblers.
The killing of people who live on the proceeds of prostitution.
And lastly, the extermination of all Christians in the country.

With relation to the Chinese priests, Father Wong, a British subject, born in Hong Kong, who was among the party, rescued through the prompt arrival of H.M.S. Seraph, it is interesting to note that he baptized three prisoners while he was in gaol. Every day a number of captives were led out to execution and during his five days in the prison Father Wong was the means of comforting many Chinese prisoners before they were led away to die.

A COWARDLY RABBLE.

Interviewed yesterday at the Mission House where the rescued party are staying at present, one of the priests was asked what would have happened if a Naval party had been compelled to land at Swabue, and whether it would have been a serious matter, the priest replied that in his opinion if a landing had been effected the Naval party would have had Swabue themselves, for although there was a large force of Communists, mostly of the peasant type, they were "arrant cowards at heart, although bullies, and they would have quickly taken to their heels. The Communists were at founded when they saw H.M.S. Seraph arrive, but if it had been necessary to land a party to enforce the release of the captives very possibly the Communists would have killed them before running away.

MILITARISTS LEAVE CANTON.

APATHETIC CITIZENS.

MERCHANTS TO MEDIATE WITH INVADERS.

"NOT MUCH TO STRUGGLE FOR."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Everything was quiet at Canton up to yesterday evening, December 28th, but the shadow of crisis overhangs the city and there is a general air of uncertainty and fear. No trains were running for ordinary traffic as the military authorities have commandeered the rolling stock for troop movements. All leading militarists and politicians, except General Li Fook Lam, have left Canton, and at the Government offices, no important person can be found.

A committee of merchants has been formed in Canton City to approach the rival military factions when they near the City and do what they can to save it from further destruction.

General Li Fook Lam is still in Canton, although his family have left. He expects changes which may effect him personally. He has the support of the merchants and one of his lieutenants, General Li Kwan, is in charge of the defence of Canton and the preservation of order.

General Li Fook Lam has wired to General Chiang Kai Shek supporting his return to power. General Chan Cheong Po also wishes to send his troops back to Canton from Kongmoon, and yesterday afternoon his advance agents in Canton City intimated that his men may be in the City at any time. It is not expected that General Li Fook Lam will oppose this, provided that these men will support General Chiang Kai Shek.

The mass of residents are apathetic. Those who have property worth a great deal have removed everything portable elsewhere.

As there is now not much left to be struggled for in Canton, the fighting will not be very serious. As far as the "Reds" are concerned, they are all gone, but many of those who looted and destroyed part of Canton City are still in the City, but they are simply unemployed and ignorant coolies who would take any chance possible to steal in the absence of Police or troops. The present Police is now ineffective because unarmed.

As there is now no responsible authority in Canton, the paper money has gone down to less than 55.

The Banks in Shamoen reopened for business on Wednesday morning, and there was a rush to make remittances to Hong Kong. Many have planned to depart for Hong Kong before the threatened storm breaks.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SWATOW, Dec. 27th.

The latest news from Swatow regarding the situation there is that the imprisonment of coolie by the local troops as baggage carriers has now ceased, and the normal working of cargo ships has been resumed.

HEAVY RICE SHIPMENT.

TO FEED CANTON.

Those who have been rendered homeless and those who have suffered heavily from the depreciation of the Central Bank of China notes, are being cared for by the authorities at Canton.

Cheap rice depots have been open in several quarters of Canton, where the victims of the "Reds" devastation may buy the cereal at a much reduced price.

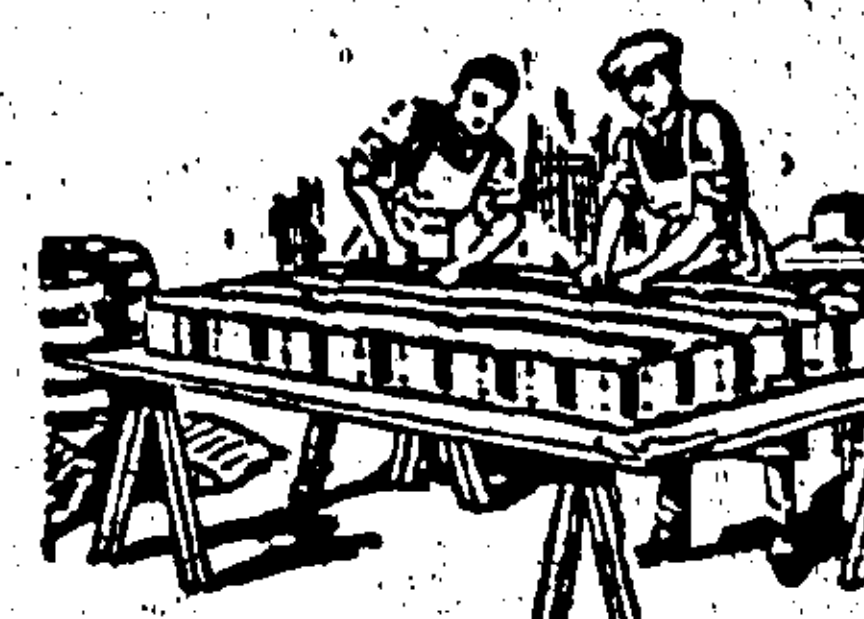
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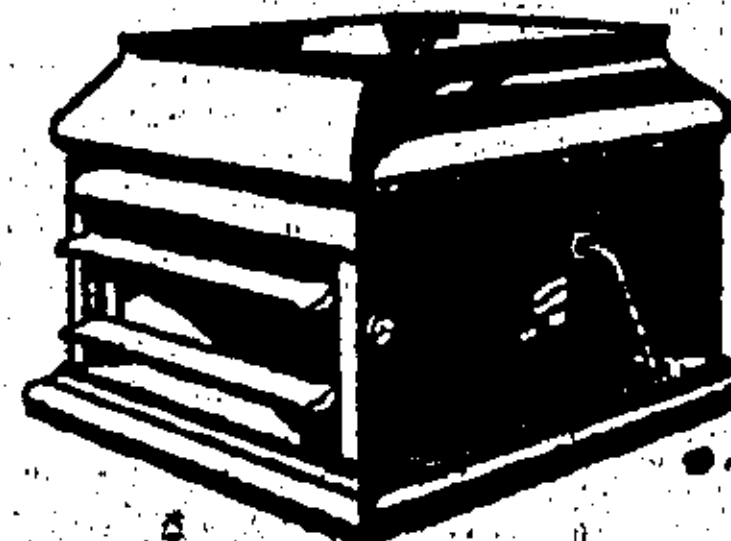
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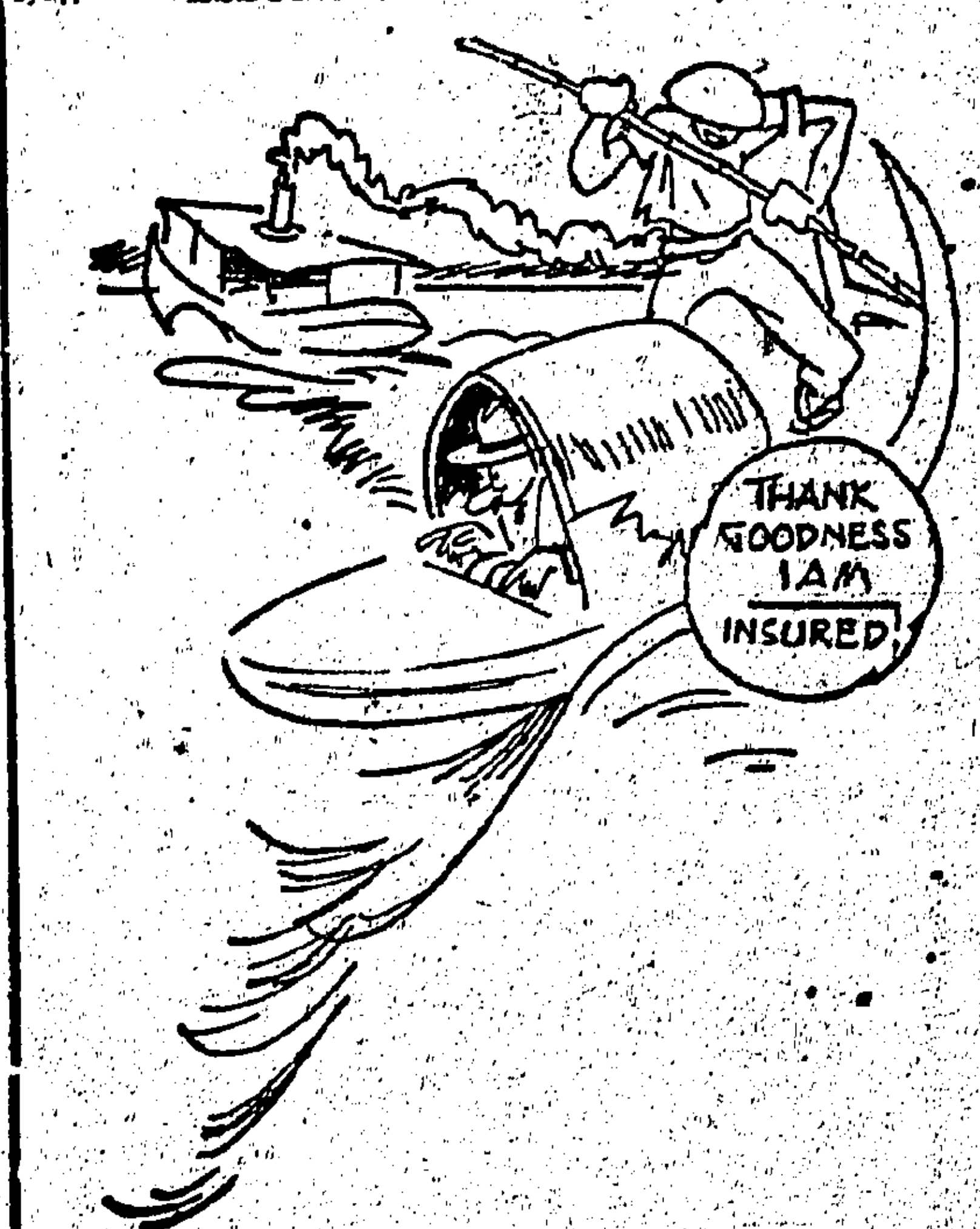
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Hong Kong, 28th Dec., 1927. [5701]

FANLING HUNT.

NEW YEAR POINT-TO-POINT.
THE above will be held at 3 P.M. on MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd. Meet at SOUZA'S BUNGALOW.
Hong Kong, 28th Dec., 1927. [5700]

NOTICE.

SUGGESTIONS having been received that the OPENING DATE of the MACAO PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ART EXHIBITION should be POSTPONED to allow more time to intending exhibitors, the Committee has decided that the Opening Date shall be on the 22nd JANUARY, 1928, and Entries will CLOSE on 18th JANUARY, 1928.

CARLOS ALVES, Director,
Post Works Department,
Macao, 27th Dec., 1927. [5685A]

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OWING to Fracture of Crank Shaft off Diametta which rendered it necessary for this Vessel to be brought into Port Said in tow "Telamon", a General Average has been declared and Consignees will be required to sign a General Average Bond and pay a Cash Deposit of 1% before obtaining Delivery of their Cargo.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
LAM MING-FAN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1927. [5677]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING:
12th, 14th, 15th & 18th
FEBRUARY, 1928.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms are Now Ready and may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONG KONG CLUBS and OLYMPIAN BAY STABLES. [5683]

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LOCAL WEDDING.

BALDWIN—ANDREWS.

CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A., officiating, when the contracting parties were Mr. Rupert Baldwin, organist of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and son of Mr. Charles Baldwin, M.B.E., and Mrs. Baldwin, of Sheerness, Kent, and Miss Winifred Edith Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Andrews, of Sheerness, Kent.
The bride, who entered the Church on the arm of Mr. C. C. Mitchell, wore a gown of white georgette and veil, with silk embroidery and a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white roses.
In attendance on the bride were the Misses Peggy and Betty Jeffreys, who wore dresses of pale blue crepe-de-chine, trimmed with ecru lace, and cream ecru lace. They also wore Dutch caps trimmed with pale blue and pink rosebuds. They carried baskets of pink and white roses, and sweet peas.
The duties of "best man" were discharged by Mr. J. W. Baldwin (brother of the bridegroom).
Following the ceremony at St. Andrew's Church, a reception was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, adjoining, and later Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at "The Bungalow," Shatin. The bride wore a beige costume and hat to match when leaving for Shatin.

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FORTHCOMING WEDDING.

WAY-MCKENZIE—The marriage of Mr. WILLIAM KENNETH WAY to Miss LENA PEARL MCKENZIE will take place at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m., with a reception later at the Hotel Savoy. No formal invitations are being issued but all friends are cordially invited. [5703]

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London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 29th, 1927.

THE BRITISH PUBLIC AND BETTING.

SIR WILLIAM JOYNSON HICKS, the English Home Secretary, has expressed his grave concern at the increase of juvenile betting. Sir WILLIAM, we believe, is a hardworking and capable man of Puritan stock to whom the ordinary human weaknesses are distressing and perplexing. The growth of the juvenile betting evil must be peculiarly distasteful to him because the only way to stop it is to inaugurate a regularised and state controlled betting system that would increase the betting facilities for adults. Further it would remove the very slight stigma that rests upon the bookmaking fraternity and all who have dealings with them.
"Foreigners are never tired of a jibe at England's betting legislation; its inconsistencies and supposed pyrocracies. You may make a bet by telephone, telegram or letter—that the authorities cannot prevent and so it is allowed by law." You can meet your bookmaker on the racecourse and bet

as much as you like—because the great British public insist on that and would throw out of office any government that tried to prevent it. But you are not allowed to go to the bookmaker's office and register your bet. "To prevent that is more or less practicable," says the intelligent foreign critic, "so your betting laws are based not upon principle but upon a mixture of expediency, compromise and 'save face'."

Our politicians argue that it is not illogical to restrict betting simply because it is impossible to prevent it entirely. At present a good many people do not know how and where to lay a wager and it is too much trouble to learn. With obliging and well-spoken young men and women behind a counter, like a post office, it would be very different. Everyone would be betting. The present compromise, therefore, although it may not be ideal is a practical and fairly satisfactory method of dealing with a difficult problem.

There might have been some basis for such a line of argument a few years ago, but to-day it is not in harmony with the facts. Betting has increased enormously since the war. The restrictions on betting have created a huge *sub rosa* interest, not wholly unlike bootlegging in America. A large number of small shops carry on a flourishing business either as bookmakers or agents of large turf commission firms. Many public houses are used for the same purpose and the street tout has become a nuisance. The position has been reached in which the facilities for betting, despite their illegality, are so well organised that there is not the slightest difficulty for any man, woman or child to lay stakes. Everything has been made easy, and even school children are as keen as their elders to have "a flutter" and are very well catered for. The only alternative seems to be licensed betting premises from which children would be as rigorously excluded as they are from public houses. The adults if provided with decently managed betting offices would use them exclusively and illicit bookmakers could soon be suppressed. The craze for dog racing when there were already football (league and local) horse racing, coursing and hundreds of minor sports and competitions on which to bet shows the strength of the public "will to gamble," despite everything that our political and intellectual leaders say or do against it. It is not at all certain that the legal restrictions may not have added a certain spice to the adventure of betting. When betting places, as orderly and honest as the banks, have been duly opened it is possible that a perverse public will say after a time that gambling is a poor amusement. The inveterate and hardened gambler will remain, but just as the baiting of the liquor trade exacerbated the drink evil, making the England a far heavier drinking nation than France with its decent and pleasant cafes, so it may be found that the semi-suppression of the bookmaker was a mistaken policy, enhancing the evil it sought to segregate and control.

Mr. G. P. de Martin will distribute the prizes at Yamati Government School to-morrow (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock.

During the four days Christmas holiday, Saturday to Tuesday, inclusive, there was only one case of notifiable disease, the patient being a Chinese and the illness cerebrospinal fever.

A Chinese woman, aged 29, 31 No. 37, Lee Garden Road, was removed to the French Hospital on Tuesday suffering from the effects of Lysol poisoning believed to be self-administered.

Mr. Edward Whiteaway, of Whitesway, Laidlaw, left \$210,000. He bequeathed to two of his employees \$1,000 each and to one of them an annuity of \$230.

A Chinese who was knocked down in Nathan Road on Tuesday by a motor cyclist (cycle No. 710), received injuries to his head which necessitated his removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Mr. T. A. Clark, of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., known to all Shanghai as "Poppa" Clark, retires on the 31st inst. after a connection with that Company extending over 32 years.

The opening date of the Macao Photographic and Art Exhibition has been postponed until January 22nd in order to allow intending exhibitors to prepare their exhibits. Entries will close on January 18th.

A 60-year-old Chinese living at No. 67, Woosung Street, was on Tuesday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from opium poisoning alleged to have been self-administered in an attempt to commit suicide.

In connection with the building of the new Chinese hospital at the Causeway Bay, the Tung Wah Hospital so far has succeeded in collecting \$360,000 and it is expected that before long a total of about \$500,000 will be available.

Seven robbers armed with iron bars and daggers broke into an unnumbered match at Fan Lau Village, Tai O, New Territory, on Monday night. They ransacked the house and made good their escape with \$8 in money and a few small things.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was yesterday morning passed by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on a former employee of Ah Loong & Co., No. 19, Queen's Road Central, who pleaded "guilty" to a charge of embezzlement of \$344.40, the property of the firm.

The case in which A. A. Remedios, an ex-employee of the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., is charged with the theft of gas and with falsifying the books of the Company, will be continued to-day before Mr. R. E. Lindell. If unfinished by to-day, the hearing will be continued to-morrow (Friday) afternoon.

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Major C. Willson, yesterday morning on the Chinese who was charged with the theft of \$3,080.44 from the Ho Hong Bank. Mr. M. K. Lo, who prosecuted on behalf of the Bank, asked his Worship to deal leniently with the defendant, who was a cashier at the Bank.

Among the passengers leaving by the s.s. *Sui Sang* for Sandakan to-day are Mr. and Mrs. Yusuf Ebrahim. Mr. Ebrahim was recently married here to the eldest daughter of Mr. H. M. Hajee Esmail, a member of the Share Brokers' Association. Mr. Ebrahim had been with the Civil Service at Jesselton for the last seventeen years. Formerly he was stationed here and figured very prominently in football and cricket.

Letters of administration in respect of the will of Lo Yee Kwan, alias Lo Chi Kwan, alias Lo Ching, late of Hong Kong, who died at the Tung Wah Hospital on January 23rd this year, have been granted to his mother, Lo Chiu Shi, of No. 204, Connaught Road West, to administer the estate until testator's son, Lo Shing Pook, attains the age of 21 years. The local estate is valued at \$18,500, and is left entirely to the son when he reaches his majority.

At 9 o'clock on Tuesday night Mr. Boxer, living at the London Mission House, No. 68, Robinson Road, reported to the Police that a thief broke into his room by climbing through the ventilator over the verandah door. As the intruder was about to leave with some of Mr. Boxer's property in his possession, he was observed by a lady living in the adjoining house. She very pluckily grappled with the thief, but the man managed to break away from her and make good his escape.

The proceedings at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon lasted less than one minute. All the 21 items on the agenda were formal, and were laid on the table. The questions which were to have been asked by Mr. J. P. Braga at this meeting regarding the number of houses on the Island, using water from the Government mains (as distinct from independent water supplies) for flushing purposes, in view of the existing restriction of the water supply and recurring restrictions, were postponed until a later meeting.

There will be a dance for the Services, under the auspices of the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., at the City Hall to-night. All men in uniform will be welcome. This is the third Yuletide entertainment which has been arranged by the "Cheer O."

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club have been responsible for many successful functions since they have been in existence, and their last dance was likewise very successful. Another dance, which was in the nature of a Yuletide celebration, was held in the tastefully and festively decorated Restaurant of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., last evening, and proved a very enjoyable function. The Titania's Melodians provided the music.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle leaves the Colony on retirement on Saturday (New Year's Eve) on the *Hakuan Maru*, and to-day, from 5 to 6 p.m., at St. John's Cathedral Hall there will be held a farewell reception, at which members of the congregation and other well wishers and friends of Mr. Moyle, will have an opportunity of saying good-bye to him and wishing him "bon voyage." At 5.30 p.m. a presentation will be made to Mr. Moyle by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes on behalf of the subscribers to the Presentation Fund.

ROUND THE COURTS.

A FRIGHTENED SECRET SERVICE AGENT.

When a Chinese was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with entering the Colony as a stowaway from Manila, by the s.s. *President Taft*, it was stated that the defendant had originally stowed away to Manila from Hong Kong by an oil tanker.

Defendant admitted the charge, and said that when he landed at Manila, for some reason or the other, the Secret Service (police) there had "adopted him." This unusual treatment frightened him and he tried to run away. Then "someone in authority" there had put him on board the *President Taft* and returned him to Hong Kong.

The police bore out defendant's rather odd story and his Worship held that if a person was put on board by someone else, he was not stowing away, and accordingly discharged the defendant.

TOO BUSY TO GET ARMS PERMIT—\$500 FINE.

An elderly villager of Kau Pa Kang, who said that he had been too busy to get a permit for his Winchester rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition was fined \$500 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The rifle and ammunition was discovered hidden behind some old furniture when his premises were raided by Inspector Fallon.

200 TAELS OF OPIUM CONFISCATED.

An application was made to Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy for the confiscation of the 214 tins of opium which were found on Saturday last under the Tin Ching Wharf at Taikoktsui. It was stated that acting on information received, the water there was dredged, and the drugs which were in a bag weighted down by an anchor were hauled up. The application was granted. No arrests have been made in this connection.

STUDENT CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SWIMMER.

A sequel to the death of a student of St. Paul's College, who is said to have died as a result of being struck a blow by a fellow student at the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas evening, took place at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, when, before Major C. Willson, Lo Chi Hing was charged with the manslaughter of Ho Kwong Hoi.

Mr. L. D. Turner, for Lo Chi Hing, told His Worship that his instructions were to apply for bail and a remand.

Sub-Inspector Lane for the prosecution said that there would be no objection to reasonable bail.

Mr. Turner: I am prepared to pay \$1,000, accompanied by a surety of an equal amount.

His Worship fixed bail at \$1,000 cash, and adjourned the case for a week.

[The defendant is well-known in Chinese sporting circles as a powerful swimmer and a fine exponent of the breast stroke. In the Harbour race organised by the South China Bathing Club this year, Lo finished second out of 63 competitors.]

SIR PAUL CHATER'S PICTURES.

THE GIFT TO THE COLONY.

THE PIRACY OF THE "KO CHOW."

PROPOSED GRANT TO ESTATE OF LATE MR. BLACK.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow (Friday) afternoon the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will ask the following questions:

Have the Government, on behalf of the Colony of Hong Kong, recently received a gift of a valuable collection of pictures and prints of Hong Kong and the Far East, in accordance with the wishes of the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater, and by the generosity of the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth at Calcutta?

If yes, what steps are the Government taking to preserve the collection for the Colony of Hong Kong, where will the same be housed, and on what conditions, pending the provision of a permanent repository for the same?

Have the Government a scheme for a permanent repository?

Finance Committee.
A meeting of the Finance Committee will also be held when votes for supplementary expenditure totalling \$11,597 will be asked for.

The chief item is \$8,520 under the heading of charitable services which it is proposed to grant to the estate of the late Mr. R. Black, the former chief engineer of the s.s. *Ko Chow*.

Government Notification No. 223, published on April 25th, 1924, states that, in the event of an officer of a ship on the Hong Kong Register meeting his death as a result of piratical attack, the Government will grant the equivalent of two years' actual pay to the estate of the deceased. In the piracy of the s.s. *Ko Chow* which occurred in the West River on September 1st, 1927, the Chief Engineer Mr. R. Black lost his life at the hands of the pirates and as the Government is satisfied that the Piracy Regulations were properly observed in this case, it is now proposed to pay to the estate of the deceased officer the sum of \$8,520 in accordance with the undertaking given.

Other items include an additional \$3,000 for the work done at the Bowen Road Filter Beds, \$500 for repairs to Police motor-cars and cycles, \$62 for transport expenses of the office of the District Officer, North, and \$116 for incidental expenses in the Education Department.

THE "RED TRIANGLE" CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Christmas number of the *Red Triangle*, the organ of the European Y.M.C.A., contains a number of seasonal features, and it succeeds, where many publications fail, in making this special effort above the average quality. There is a timely article on "Peace and Goodwill," and other Christmas greetings. Nor has the Yule tide ghost been forgotten. *Assicus* tells us in humorous vein "How to Fly Cheaply," and an anonymous historian goes into the origin of Parliament with similar quips and local allusions. Apart from the record of Y.M.C.A. activities there is plenty to catch the eye and maintain the interest of any reader.
- Altogether the *Red Triangle* reflects credit on its Editor both for his own contribution and the way he keeps his helpers up to the mark.

WEATHER REPORT.

FRESH AND FAIR.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the local Observatory at 4.25, stated:—

The depression is crossing South Japan on an easterly track. The anti-cyclone has increased considerably in intensity. Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, light to fresh and fair.

NORTHERN TROOPS RECEIVING SEVERE SET-BACK IN SHANTUNG.

POPULAR UPRISINGS OCCURRING IN THE PROVINCE AGAINST SHANTUNG ARMY.

MARSHAL FENG PERSONALLY LEADING HIS TROOPS IN SOUTHERN CHIHLI.

FENGTIENESE NOT YET PREPARED TO BREAK-OFF WITH RUSSIA.

There is increasing evidence that the Shantung troops have of late received a serious set-back in their campaign against the Southern Army; and it is now reported that popular uprisings in Shantung province are causing General Chang Tsung Chang's position to be precarious.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is reported to have received a large consignment of munitions together with \$2,000,000. It is stated that he intends personally to lead his troops against the Fengtienese in South Chihli. He has a few unhappy recollections to revenge, which probably will spur him on.

Though Dictator Chang Tso Lin's son—the youthful general—has been advocating the severance of diplomatic and commercial relations between the Fengtien Government and the Soviet, the senior Fengtien leaders are not yet prepared to adopt that step.

Chang Tso Lin is reported by the vernacular Press to be eager to leave Peking for Fengtien and to pass on his executive power in the so-called Central Government of Peking to the veteran ex-Premier, Marshal Tuan Chi Jui.

Chang Tso Lin's right-hand man, General Yang Yu Ting, who is generally regarded as the Fengtien Army's chief-of-staff, is stated to be opposed to this step. It is improbable that Dictator Chang will be able to leave Peking at the present critical juncture.

FENGTIEN TROOPS WITHDRAWING FROM SHANSI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 28th.

Reports from responsible Chinese circles state that an important Military Conference will shortly be held at the Fengtien Headquarters at which a proposal to withdraw all forces from Shansi will be discussed.

It is stated that all the troops attacking Shansi are likely to be withdrawn from the railway region for three reasons:

1.—The serious position of the Ankuochun in Shantung.

2.—The extreme difficulty in getting ammunition and supplies to the troops in the mountainous districts during the winter months.

3.—The unexpected strength of the Shansi defences, which can only be broken down at the biggest sacrifice.

The reports add that it is expected that the Fengtienese will withdraw to Tating, Pingkankuan and Shihhiachwang, north, east and south, respectively.

The fact that arrangements are being made for the return of the officers' families to Peking from the Shansi fronts is significant.

SHANTUNG TROOPS UNPOPULAR IN SHANTUNG.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 28th.

Southern troops have during the last few nights engaged in fighting with the Shantung-Chihli troops at the Grand Canal, north of Hsuechow.

The latest report to hand states that neither side has got the better of the other. But the Shantung troops' position is seriously shaken by the fact that thousands of volunteer corps are backing the Southerners and are creating an

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THE CRISIS IN THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

"LANCASHIRE MUST COPY JAPAN."

AN EXPERT INTERVIEWED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 28th.

"Lancashire must copy Japan," contends Mr. J. L. Tattersall, President of the Cotton and Yarn Association, in an interview published by the *Manchester Guardian* on the depression of the American Section of the cotton industry.

Mr. Tattersall calls attention to the defectiveness of the British cotton trade organisation which he contrasts with the Japanese and points out that the buying of cotton and the selling of yarn and cloth by Japan is almost entirely in the hands of a corporation in which millowners are mainly interested. The Japanese ascertain exactly what buyers want, and even concentrate on standard qualities, producing them by mass production. A "great forward policy is necessary if Lancashire is to recover its lost prestige in the trade. We must standardise in the spinning mills and weaving sheds and in finish. Internal competition must cease."

U.S.A.'S TRADE.

WHAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S REPORT REVEALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28th.

The Federal Reserve Board's monthly report says the output of manufactures and minerals declined in November, the largest decline being in the production of motor-cars, largely owing to preparations to bring out new models.

There were slight decreases in textiles, coal, building material, leather and shoes and a further decline in the production of iron and steel to the lowest level since 1924; but enquiries for iron and steel have increased in December.

MEXICAN OIL AMENDMENT.

PRESIDENT CALLES' ACTION.

OIL LAND TITLES TO STAND.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, December 27th.

The House of Representatives passed the first reading of the Bill sent to the Chamber by President Calles, which will have the effect of amending Articles 14 and 15 of the Mexican Oil Regulations.

This is in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Mexican Petroleum Company case restraining the cancellation of certain of the Company's drilling permits, and declaring invalid the above-mentioned sections, whereby all titles to oil lands are forfeited and 50-year concessions substituted for all oil land titles acquired before 1917.

This amendment, if passed by Congress, would definitely remove the main objection of the Oil Companies to the Oil Law, since it would abolish such substitution.

U.S.A. Views.

WASHINGTON, December 27th.

The reported action of President Calles is regarded as another move towards the ultimately friendly solution of the American and Mexican oil controversy.

THE POPE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

EXHORTATION TO ENFORCE PEACE.

CHINA, RUSSIA AND MEXICO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, December 27th.

The Christmas message of the Pope to the Sacred College is interpreted as an exhortation to the Powers to intervene in favour of appeasement.

Thus Britain and France ought to exert pressure on China, while the same countries together with Germany and Poland should act similarly in connection with Russia. The United States are called on to use their influence with Mexico.

In the course of his message the Pope said that he was sorrowed because of the savage episodes, cruelties and atrocities in Mexico, Russia and China. It seemed impossible that all the Governments should not rise up and put an end to them.

THE "DAWN."

WIRELESS MESSAGE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Dec. 28th.

The suggestion that the aeroplane *Dawn* may have landed somewhere in eastern Newfoundland appears to be made in the report of Mr. Hillyard, an operator at the Anglo-American cable station "Heart's Content," to the effect that yesterday evening he heard the wireless message: "Where are we? Can you locate us?"

The message was very strong. It was repeated frequently and was signed WBY, the second letter being mutilated. Note: WBY is the call sign of the *Dawn*.

THE INDIAN JUTE TRADE.

BRITISH AND U.S.A. FIRMS AT VARIANCE.

UNDERCUTTING STARTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

It is believed that the decision of the United States Shipping Board to reduce the cargo rate on jute and burlap bagging from Calcutta to Boston and New York from 35 cents to 25 cents per 100 lbs. weight on and after January 1st has precipitated a struggle in the shipping industry which may have serious consequences for some companies before peace is restored.

The reduction is the result of the inability of the Roosevelt Steamship Company, which operates a fleet of motor ships for the American Government, to reach an agreement with the Cunard, Brockbank and Ellerman groups in regard to the division of the 650,000 tons of jute carried annually from Calcutta to America.

The Roosevelt Line has demanded the allotment of from sixteen to twenty direct sailings from Calcutta besides its indirect service, but the British lines have refused and claimed the major portion of the trade on the grounds of their established connections, existing contracts and highly efficient service.

It is intimated that other reductions will follow if necessary to secure what Government officials regard as their proper share of the trade.

SOVIET JOURNALISTS AT GENEVA.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, December 28th.

The Swiss Federal Council has announced that it will not permit the establishment of an official Soviet news agency at Geneva, but that it cannot refuse the presence of the ordinary journalist at Geneva who is merely exercising his profession, as long as he does not act as an observer or in an official or semi-official capacity.

BOYCOTT OF STATUTORY COMMISSION.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS.

COMPLETE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE THE AIM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MADRAS, December 27th.

After three hours discussion the Indian National Congress passed unanimously a resolution for a severe boycott of the Statutory Commission.

An amendment urging members of the legislature to resign was defeated. A further resolution declaring that the goal of the Indians was complete national independence was adopted with acclamation.

The Liberal View.

BOMBAY, December 27th.

The attitude of the Liberals towards the Statutory Commission was voiced by Sir T. E. J. Suprac, president at the National Liberal Congress. He declared that India had not had a fair deal and urged all parties to join in drawing up a scheme of self-government for presentation to Parliament.

His ideal of a future India was a country of federated states in direct and well-defined relationship with the British Crown and as an equal member of the British Commonwealth of nations.

BLIZZARD, GALE AND SNOW IN ENGLAND.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS DISORGANISED.

HUGE DRIFTS ISOLATE VILLAGES.

UNPARALLELED SINCE 1831.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 27th.

Snow and sleet fell throughout the night and at mid-day the air service between Croydon and Paris had to be cancelled owing to the depth of snow on Croydon Aerodrome. All stations were warned that landing at the aerodrome was not advisable.

Some suburban bus services found the snow was too deep to start at the scheduled time.

Telephone communication with Paris was cancelled owing to damage to overhead wires in France.

Further heavy falls in the South of England and heavy drifting continued. Depths of 12 to 18 feet were recorded as far westward as Devonshire, and in many places in the south-eastern counties a blizzard has been raging almost without intermission for 36 hours.

The conditions are unparalleled since 1831. The snowstorm has caused far greater disturbance in the country than in the towns.

Relief engines and snow ploughs in many centres took hours to reach stranded trains and were then snowed up themselves. One train left at 3 yesterday afternoon and was dug out at 8 o'clock the next morning.

The Southern Railway ran "snow trains" throughout the night to keep the electric conductor rails in working order. Several branch lines are closed and several villages isolated by huge snowdrifts.

Cross Channel services have been suspended to-day owing to the gale.

London Dangerous Slippery.

A sharp frost, following the partial thaw of last night, has again made the London streets dangerously slippery, and as a result the L.C.C. ambulances dealt with about fifty cases of accidents due to falls.

Meanwhile the Thames, swollen by melting snows, is rising hourly, and great damage from flooding has been done in Canterbury and Maidstone.

Blizzard Crosses The Continent.

The blizzard has now passed over to the Continent and heavy damage from flood and snow is reported from France, Belgium, Spain, Poland and Greece.

Accident Due To Frost.

BYDAPST, December 28th.

Many passengers were injured as a result of a goods train colliding with the Budapest-Bukharest express, which was held up near Kolozsvár as a result of severe frost affecting the railway lines.

4,000 GALLONS OF BEER LOST.

POURED AWAY AFTER EAST END BREWERY FIRE.

WATER DILUTION.

Four thousand gallons of beer were poured down an East End drain. It was the beer spoiled by smoke and water when a fire broke out in the fermenting-room at Messrs. Charrington's brewery in Mile End Road.

The night staff were engaged as usual when men working near the vats on the second floor saw smoke coming from behind the last of the four vats in the row.

A district call was immediately sent out and half a dozen fire engines arrived within a few minutes.

Ladders were reared from the yard to the second floor windows, while other firemen hid hoses from the ground floor and up the stairs.

It was found that the fire had its seat in some woodwork near the vat. The firemen had some difficulty in getting water to the room, and it was nearly an hour before they had pumped out the flames near the vat and made sure that the store of sugar and grain on the third floor was not smouldering.

Blinded By Smoke.

Smoke poured through the building while the firemen were working, and they had difficulty in getting to close quarters with the blaze.

Once they had done so, however, their task was simple, and they succeeded in confining the fire to one corner of the fermenting-room. While the stacks of sugar and grain suffered slightly from smoke and water, practically the only damage caused was that to the vat nearest to the outbreak.

The vat, which holds 120 barrels of beer, was the only one of the four to contain liquid. It was full of beer in the last stage of fermentation.

Water from the hoses fell in the vat and so greatly diluted its strength as to rob it of its value.

The vat itself was hardly damaged, although its main structure is of wood.

RACE TO MACAO ENDS.

ONLY THREE BOATS COMPLETE COURSE.

LAST ONE FINISHED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Macao, December 27th.

Of the eleven cruisers which started from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Monday (Boxing Day) morning in the annual race to Macao, a distance of 70 miles, for the Potts Challenge Cup, only three actually completed the course under their own sails, and returned to the Yacht Club.

A description of the race was published yesterday, and reference was also made to the conditions pertaining, the dead calms for hours on end which harrowed the yachtsmen, as compared with the 1926 conditions, when record times were established, and all competitors regained the Yacht Club before midnight on the day of the race.

As mentioned yesterday, *U. and I.*, sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse, won the race this year, crossing the line at the Club 34 hours after she started, coming in at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Practically six hours later came *Snipe* (or 40 hours to complete the course), sailed by Mr. F. J. Easterbrook, and some 14 hours later (or 54 hours for the course) there crossed the line *Curlew*, sailed by Capt. J. Larcomb.

These were the only three boats to complete the course. By nine o'clock on Tuesday night, in addition to *U. and I.*, arriving, there had also come in four other cruisers: *La Cigale* (Mr. N. V. A. Croucher), *Feathers* (Mr. Nicholson), *Sea Rover* (Mr. W. D. Russell), and *Helen* (Mr. C. H. Reiker). Mr. A. L. Shields, Lieut.-Comdr. Gordon and Mr. Marshall. These were classed as "Did Not Finish."

There were then remaining six other cruisers to put in an appearance: *Norseman* (Mr. C. L. Edwards), *Queen Bee* (Capt. Howard), *Azuma* (Mr. C. W. P. Richardson), *Curlew* (Capt. J. Larcomb), *Snipe* (Mr. F. J. Easterbrook) and *Dorothy II.* (Mr. L. Carter).

Of these six, only two completed the course.

Snipe, it will be remembered from yesterday's report, was off the Hong Kong Club, becalmed, like other boats, at 8 p.m., but she managed to work down to the Yacht Club half an hour before midnight, but *Curlew* was not so lucky, and did not cross the line here until yesterday afternoon.

Order Of Finishing.

The order in which the cruisers finished at the Yacht Club was as under:—

Finishing Time.

1st *U. and I.* ... 5.30.30 p.m. Tuesday.

2nd *Snipe* ... 11.25.20 p.m. Tuesday.

3rd *Curlew* ... 2.01.53 p.m. yesterday.

Azuma ... D.N.F.
La Cigale ... D.N.F.
Norseman ... D.N.F.
Queen Bee ... D.N.F.
Feathers ... D.N.F.
Sea Rover ... D.N.F.
Helen ... D.N.F.
Dorothy II. ... D.N.F.

The handicaps were (from *La Cigale*, the fastest boat as "scratch"):

Azuma received 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Norseman received 3 hours, 7 minutes, 3 seconds.

Queen Bee received 3 hours, 3 minutes.

U. and I. received 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Feathers received 2 hours, 7 minutes, 3 seconds.

Curlew received 3 hours, 2 minutes, 1 second.

Sea Rover received 6 hours, 45 minutes.

Helen received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

Snipe received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

Dorothy II. received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

Curlew received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

Snipe received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

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THE BUENOS AIRES BOMB EXPLOSIONS.

BOMBS DISGUISED AS CHRISTMAS PARCELS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28th.

The bomb explosions are attributed to Sacco-Vanzetti sympathisers.

The 19 injured include four women one of whom is Mrs. Emmeline Beams, who is English.

It is believed that the perpetrators of the outrage passed the guards carrying bombs disguised as Christmas parcels.

Seventy arrests have been made, but hitherto the culprits have not been discovered.

TIME—THE BEST ALIBI.

SUMMONS AGAINST DR. WONG DISMISSED.

When Dr. B. C. Wong was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with disobeying the signal of police officer while driving his car along Salisbury Road at 8.25 a.m. on November 27th, evidence was given by an Indian constable who said that he saw the defendant's car, which was driven by a chauffeur at 8.25 p.m. along Salisbury Road. He put up his hand as a signal for the car to stop. He ignored the signal and passed him.

Dr. Wong said that he had never had a driver, and that he himself drove the car on every occasion. His Worship dismissed the summons pointing out that the time given by the constable was twelve hours different from the time entered in the charge sheet, and also that Dr. Wong had never had a driver.

VICEROY'S PANTHERS.

LORD IRWIN'S NIGHT SHOOT WITH "RANJIT."

BOMBAY, Nov. 19th.

The Viceroy, Lord Irwin, who is visiting the Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nawanganur, has been out on a night hunt with "Ranjit," the Viceroy's pet panther, in the jungle about 30 miles from Jamnagar.

The party set up for several hours and Lord Irwin shot two panthers with long-range shots, using only his right hand and resting his rifle in the fork of a tree. The camp is sumptuously fitted up and resembles a canvas township.

To-night there is to be a State banquet, and the camp is a wonderful sight with its thousands of coloured electric lights and an illuminated fountain. There will be a marvellous display of jewels at the banquet.—*Exchange*.

The yachts were changed over in the afternoon and there were different helmsmen for each side morning and afternoon.

The Morning Race.

The course for the morning race was:—Club Line W. to E., Channel Rock (P), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S) finish between No. 7 buoy and H.M.S. *Argus*. Distance: 8 miles.

The result of the morning race was:—

Yacht. Sailed by. Points.

Y.1. Bland ... 8

Y.6. Barrie ... 4

Y.2. Le Gros ... 11

Y.9. Reid ... 3

G.2. Hackett Pair ... 1

Total ... 27

Yacht. Sailed by. Points.

Y.3. Myers ... 8

Y.5. Boucher ... 6

Y.7. Drinkwater ... 7

G.5. Leresor Gower ... 2

G.1. Littleton ... 5

Total ... 29

The Afternoon Race.

The course for the afternoon race was:—Start between No. 7 buoy and H.M.S. *Argus*, Mark on Line (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Club Line E. to W. Distance: 5.9 miles.

The result of the afternoon race was:—

Yacht. Sailed by. Points.

Y.1. Miles ... 5

Y.6. Deverell ... 6

Y.2. Marshall ... 7

Y.9. Whitworth ... 1

G.2. Gordon ... 9

Total ... 28

U.S. STEEL CORPORATION.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

CLOSE OF HOLIDAY LEAGUE MATCHES.

SNOW CAUSES POSTPONEMENTS.

The Christmas programme of English League Football Matches was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday, and the results will be found below, together with the amended League Tables to date. The Tables include the matches played on Tuesday.

With the country snowbound it is not surprising that a number of matches had, to be postponed, in fact one would have expected to hear of more than four being cancelled. Of these four, three matches were fixed to be played in the London district. One match was in Division I, two in Division II, and two in Division III. (Southern).

There were no particular scores of note and the changes in the League positions are not of great importance. Portsmouth were again in winning vein, and took points from Bury by the narrow margin of one goal to nil.

The total number of goals scored by home teams was 65, by away teams 50, the grand total being 115. In Division I, where there were three home and three away victories, and two draws, home teams scored 12 goals, and away teams 13 goals. In Division II, there were eight out of nine home wins, home teams scoring 23 goals, against away teams 6 goals. In Division III, (Southern) home teams scored 13 goals, one more than away teams in that Division. Division III, (Northern) teams scored most freely, the total goals scored being 37 (18 at home and 19 away).

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

The results of matches played in the English League on Tuesday, as enabled by Reuters, are as under:—

Division I.

Aston Villa 0, Derby County 1.
Burnley 5, Leicester C. 1.
Cardiff C. 2, Everton 0.
Liverpool 0, Arsenal 2.
Newcastle U. 3, Middlesbrough 3.
Portsmouth 1, Bury 0.
Wednesday 0, Huddersfield T. 5.
W. Ham U. 1, Sheffield U. 1.

The match between Tottenham Hotspur and Bolton Wanderers was postponed.

Division II.

Hull C. 3, Fulham 2.
Leeds U. 3, Port Vale 0.
Nottingham 3, W. Brom. A. 0.
Oldham A. 3, Clapton O. 0.
Reading 1, Blackpool 0.
Southampton 3, Bristol C. 2.
Stoke C. 3, South Shields 1.
Swansea T. 0, Preston N.E. 1.
Wolves 1, Notts. F. 0.

The match between Chelsea and Grimsby Town was postponed.

Division III. (Southern).

Brighton and H.A. 3, B'mouth and A. 2.
Bristol R. 2, Merthyr T. 1.
Coventry C. 0, Queen's P.R. 0.
Gillingham 0, Watford 3.
Millwall 2, Norwich C. 1.
Plymouth 1, Exeter C. 2.
Preston N.E. 1, Newport C. 1.
Torquay U. 0, Crystal Pk. 2.
Walsall 1, Charlton A. 0.

The matches between Brentford and Southend United, and Luton Town and Northampton were postponed.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow 2, Stockport C. 3.
Bradford 4, Rochdale 1.
Chesterfield 2, Rotherham U. 5.
Lincoln C. 1, Hartlepool U. 5.
New Brighton 3, Accrington S. 1.
Tranmere R. 1, Nelson 1.
Wigan Boro. 2, Bradford C. 2.
Wrexham 3, Southport 0.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I), up to and including matches completed on Tuesday, are appended:

DIVISION I.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	22	12	6	4	31	30	
Huddersfield	21	11	4	6	50	33	
Leicester	23	10	6	7	50	40	
Cardiff	22	9	7	6	40	35	
Blackburn	22	8	9	5	32	25	
Newcastle	22	9	6	7	46	34	
Arsenal	20	9	5	6	42	33	
Tottenham	21	9	4	8	39	32	
West Ham	21	10	2	9	46	32	
Middlesbrough	22	7	8	7	49	32	
Liverpool	21	7	7	7	47	31	
Bury	22	10	1	11	41	31	
Burnley	22	10	1	11	42	31	
Sunderland	21	7	8	6	37	28	
Aston Villa	22	8	10	4	44	30	
Manch. U.	22	8	10	4	37	30	
Sheffield U.	22	7	6	9	34	31	
Bolton	20	7	5	8	34	31	
Derby	21	7	5	9	32	28	
Portsmouth	22	6	5	11	35	27	
Birmingham	21	4	8	9	33	25	
Wednesday	22	4	7	11	38	30	

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	21	13	5	3	43	19	31
Preston	22	12	6	4	48	28	30
Manch. City	21	13	3	5	49	32	29

WADDINGTON TO LEAVE YORKSHIRE.

GOING TO SCOTLAND?

A. Waddington, the Yorkshire county bowler, was offered terms by Yorkshire County Cricket Club last season, whereby he would no longer be a regular member of the county side, but would be allocated to one of the county grounds and be available for the county team when required.

In an interview he said he had decided quite definitely to sever his connection with Yorkshire county team. "I could not see my way clear to accept," he said. "At the age of 34, my cricketing days are, of course, not over, and I may say (Continued at foot of next column.)"

GARRISON FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Results in the Garrison Football League last week were:—

December 26th: B. Coy., K.O.S.B.

2, D. Coy., K.O.S.B. 2.

December 27th: 20th H. Bty., R.A. 0, R.A.M.C. 2.

Matches for this week:—

To-day: 19th H. Bty., R.A., 20th H. Bty., R.A.

Referee: S. Sergt. Pope, R.E.

C. Coy., K.O.S.B. v. H.Q. 2.

K.O.S.B. v. S. Sergt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.

Referee: S. Sergt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.

that I have one or two offers on hand which I am considering. It is just possible that I may go to Scotland to play."

GOLF.

FANLING CHRISTMAS MEETING.

Bogey Pool.

R. M. Finlayson (7) 2 up wins
N. K. Littlejohn (16) 1 up second
Other scores:

H. F. Bloxham (8) all square
T. S. Whyte Smith (9) all square
S. A. Arthur 1 down
F. Cowherd 1 " "
W. L. Dunbar 1 " "
H. G. Hegarty 1 " "
F. A. Redmond 1 " "
K. S. Robertson 1 " "
There were 64 entries.

Medal Round.

F. Cowherd 88-16-73 wins
Other scores:

A. Leach 84-11-73
T. S. Whyte Smith 84-9-75
H. F. Bloxham 81-6-75
K. S. Robertson 88-10-78
G. Murray 86-7-78
There were 34 entries.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The first round of the Captain's Cup at Fanling has now been completed.

L. R. Andrewes (5) and A. E. Lissaman (8) byes.
D. Forbes (14) beat A. Leach (11) by 7 and 3.

A. E. Wood (15) beat B. D. Evans (11) by 4 and 2.
F. J. de Rome (7) beat F. A. Perry (17) by 4 and 3.

D. J. Gilmour (19) beat K. S. Robertson (10).
W. Ironside (9) and T. S. Whyte Smith (9) byes.

The second round must be played on or before January 15th, 1928.

MANILA GOLF TEAM FOR HONG KONG.

Returning the visit of the members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club of a short time ago, a picked team of Manila golfers will leave for Hong Kong soon after the Philippine Open, which will be held next month, says the Manila Times.

The meeting in Hong Kong will be the seventh of the annual inter-port series, the last of which was won by Manila on the Calocan links.

Bobby Mason, Philippine open champion, who captained the victorious team of 1927, will probably head the delegation to China. Other players mentioned as being qualified to carry the Manila attack are Captain J. K. Fielder, U.S.A.; Lieut. J. Cranston, U.S.A.; E. J. Nell, George Ikory and Ben J. Few.

The standing in the inter-port series is now even, with each city having won three events. Manila has never been able to overcome the Hong Kong golfers on their home course, and the British have been equally unsuccessful at Calocan.

The selection of the team for the Hong Kong matches will not be affected by the result of the Philippine Open.

THE FIRST TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND WIN BY 10 WICKETS.

FINE BOWLING FIGURES.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, December 27th.

In the first Test Match England beat South Africa by 10 wickets.

At the beginning of the third day's play South Africa were 100 runs behind with all their wickets in hand in the second innings.

However, Hammond and Geary bowled so well that South Africa quickly lost 8 wickets for only 78 runs. Then followed a record ninth wicket partnership of 80 between Vincent (53) and Coen (41 not out).

The innings eventually closed for 170, leaving the M.C.C. team 53 to get to win. Geary and Hammond came through the innings with the fine figures of 5 for 60 and 5 for 38 respectively.

In the fourth innings England made 87 runs without loss.

CRICKET.

L.R.C. "B" v. R.A.F.

This game takes place on Saturday at Sookunpoo Valley.

L.R.C.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), R. Nazarin, A. S. Sufaid, D. Mohamed, Sirdar Khan, A. Rahmin, S. A. Kusan, U. T. Thad, A. Butt, E. M. K. Malubhoy, and J. M. Ramjahn.

SLAP-DASH PLAY.

"FIRST-TIME" FOOTBALL DOES NOT PAY.

[BY J. A. H. CATTON.]

The following criticism of tendencies in this season's football will probably be of interest to all of us who follow the Leagues and may throw some light on recent results.

Mr. Catton says:—
There is far too much slapdash work about the football. I have watched this season.

The slapdash style is perhaps better described as "first-time football." There is almost a school of players fashioned on this principle, that is to say, take the ball as it comes, use it, and hit it "first time."

Spectators yell out "First time, Colin." Surely men who are giving their best years to the game which they study and practise know a great deal more than some person who tenders advice which is either theoretical or is passed on as if the people were gramophones.

There was a man behind me the other day at Stamford Bridge and he was volubly and audibly impressing on his neighbour that Chelsea did not score because they played the ball so many more times than their opponents. It was an incident to me in the course of a match that Chelsea drew.

Suggesting Danger.

That is the kind of thing talked by those who are, if I may flatter them, pure theorists. Very often they are these who yell "First time"—a kind of siren scream which suggests danger from an unseen quarter if the poor player loses a fraction of a second.

"First time" is another of the curses of the field. I have denounced the heading of the ball, particularly in midfield, as a contributory cause of the air-bell we breathe instead of the football we want. But this "first time" bouch should be anathema.

Slapdash stuff may suit a genius who can do what others dare not attempt, but the painstaking art often more successful in the end.

Haphazard.

"First time" passes? How many of them are well placed, how many reach the man intended, how many are grossly inaccurate, and how many intercepted?

Go to a match and keep a record. "First time" football is all fudge because the element of the haphazard enters so strongly into play of this character. If "first time" play is to prevail, what becomes of the skillful trap which brings the ball under perfect control and often gains yards?

Again, as I understand the art of the game, the object of the man in possession is to hold the ball, whenever possible, just long enough to draw an opponent, and "use" him to advantage by luring him out of position, and then give the pass to the comrade who has taken up good position by his anticipation of the run of the play.

I remember a famous international complaining to me that spectators were not his help. Said he: "If you look at the ball, play it with a gentle touch, and survey the field before you pass, someone exclaims, 'Part with it.' How can a man play when the field takes up the cry, and 'Part with it' comes from thousands who know nothing at all about it, whereas I know all about it?"

His Own Game.

That is the point I am making: Let the man play his own game. He has design in his mind, he wants to be constructive; he may wish to draw a half-back before he releases the ball. But the crowd shout, "Part with it" or "First time." To me there seems as much sense in the parrot cry of "First time" as in the other slogan.

"Swing it about."

Chelsea's combination against Swansea a few days ago was magnificent, just because the team did not play "First time" football.

Let anyone who watches Andrew Wilson—and see the yards he gains by a trap with the sole of his foot, by wheeling with the ball and turning his back upon an opponent, and then placing.

Wilson may not rush about to get the ball. But the ball seems to go to him, to roll to his feet, and when it arrives Wilson places just where he wishes—seven times out of ten and generally on the grass.

He is the very reverse of the slapdash, "first time" plunger. He plays football as he plays billiards, golf or chess—that is to say, with premeditation, but with quick thinking.

"First time" is a catch phrase for recklessness. There may be occasions when a ball can be used to advantage as it comes, and there may be pressure which demands instantaneous action, whatever the consequence. But this "first time" touch is the ruin of many a young player.

I knew a captain with a fine voice, whose words could be heard on the stands. What was he always saying to the recruits? Just this: "Plenty of time." I never heard him say: "First time."

(Continued on next column.)

GERMAN ON ARMISTICE DAY.

WE HAVE HAD ALL THE WAR WE WANT.

FOES NOW BUSINESS PARTNERS.

[BY LION FEUCHTWANGER.]

BERLIN, Nov. 11th.

When nine years ago the Armistice was announced there was a sigh of relief throughout Germany. The impulse of almost all was to say, "Thank God!" The fact that the war had ended seemed more important to everybody than how it had ended.

To-day, nine years later, the how is clearer. When the shipwreck came people thought that any bit of land was good as they could get on it and be saved. To-day they have critically examined the shore on which they found safety, and—
"Look!" they say, "it is not a very habitable shore."

On this anniversary there are many who mean, "It was better before the war!" Here chime in the beaten generals, the men who were formerly in power. "They make it as it was before the war." But an immense majority answer: "We have had all the war we want."

There are a number of sores which smart considerably: The occupying armies, Upper Silesia, the Southern Tyrol. The doctors are able to describe the suffering of the limbs which have been cut off. Nevertheless, taking everything together, the German to-day looks at his position in regard to foreign countries objectively, calmly, and does not complicate it by resentment.

The "hereditary foe," the France of 1918, "Perfidious Albion," the America of "blood-thirsty shopkeepers," the "Asiatic and barbaric" Russia of that year—they have become the business partners of 1927, whose ways and interests have to be discussed objectively and quietly if any sensible result is to be arrived at.

Nowhere in the world are the languages of these former adversaries studied so industriously as in Germany, and certainly not with hostile intention.

The war is done with. That is the conviction of the great majority of Germans to-day. They consider that there was much that was stupid, unfair, and unwise for all concerned in the settlement. But they assume that all this will, little by little, be wiped out by common sense on both sides. In any case, militarism could get together only a very limited army of Germans lustful for revenge.

To-day the German's readiness for a fight and political passions are concentrated on questions at home. "That we have actually managed to go to land," argue some, "is due to the Revolution." "It is due to the Revolution," reply others, "that we have got to such a wretched land."

On this anniversary of the Armistice I see, as the vast majority of Germans do, a rise in the cost of living due to the duties on food products; distrust on the part of the workmen who stand aside and watchful; the universities occupied by a clique of rowdy successors to the class which used to rule; the bull-necked, swaggering separatism of Bavaria; and, above all, I see the grasp of politics, passionately hated by a majority of the people, upon German administration of justice.

Only a year ago many people in this damaged building of the German State were asking: Who or what is to blame? Now the question is raised only by the few who have the time. The nation does not occupy itself with looking back. It considers the present sullenly; it works.

Yes, that is how I see the German people on this 11th of November—a man who, after an immeasurable catastrophe, has got on his legs again, sweating, grinding his teeth, and doing his work, angry, shaken by many a fever, for he has yet to get rid of the germs which produced that catastrophe—but tough, unemotional, inclined to grumble, yet free of posturing; and in any case, absolutely disinclined to look back.

On November 11th, 1918, Germany said "Thank God." On November 11th, 1927, she says: "Damned disgusting! Ugh!"

Daily Mail.

What is true of middle-class manoeuvres is equally applicable when the goal is near. Anyone on the stands can shoot a goal. Nothing is so easy! But "first time" shooting is very much like blind slogging at cricket. It is hit or miss.

Theatrical.

Occasionally one sees a forward volley a dropping centre into the net. It is a theatrical style and very convincing when successful. But these volleys that score are often what are called "pot" shots. I prefer the forward in front of goal who is quick enough to make his position and then shoot.

I have no use for the "first time" dasher, as he does not bring into the game the art of getting the ball under perfect control and then placing it where he desires. Enthusiasts mean well when they shout, but to encourage laziness is both more helpful and effective.

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CONFIDENCE MEN.

CLEVER AND UNSCRUPULOUS ROGUES.

EXPLOITING FEAR OF RIDICULE.

The confidence game is as old as human nature. It is rooted in the principle that most people like to get something for nothing. Many of the tricks that are practised with success almost every week in the vicinity of the Strand—often on astute business men—were still in the days of good Queen Bess. They will probably still be in use a thousand years hence.

Nevertheless, the art of "con" has developed. There exist ladies and gentlemen who have studied it as a subtle science and carry through their operations in the grand manner. They steal your money with the air of people doing you a favour, and they know perfectly well that in the end you will not be inclined to tell the police that you have been certainly a fool and almost a rogue.

The big "con" man will naturally adapt himself to circumstances, but the general idea was outlined to me by one of the fraternity recently.

Playing The Millionaire.

"First," he explained, "you must dress with discrimination. You must not be blatant. You must have your watch must be good. You must always maintain an air of nonchalant well-bred self-possession. You arrive, say, at some big hotel in a luxury car. No one will know that it is hired. You slip a pound note into the hall porter's hand. You give another to the head waiter.

"Within ten minutes every servant in the place knows of the arrival of a millionaire, and the guests will scarcely avoid noticing that you are somebody. That gives the right atmosphere, and it is odds that you have a 'sucker' biting hard at your story of a big racing job, you are running from the inside within a day or two. He begs to be let in, and you get your few hundreds or your few thousands, as the case may be, for an investment of a couple of pounds. It stands to reason that you don't pay either the car hire or your hotel bill unless the enterprise shows a profit."

Some years ago I was brought into contact with, perhaps, the cleverest of all "con" men. He was an American, something over forty, well-educated, and a delightful companion. He had been driven out of Mexico, convicted of swindling in Germany, evicted from Kansas City, in India, posing under the name of a well-known millionaire, he had been re-

ceived by the best society, and the then Viceroy even gave a dinner in his honour.

His cool daring never deserted him. He went smiling on his way, coming to London at last, where he put up at one of the best hotels and began to make acquaintances in the fashionable and business world. He became a member of exclusive clubs. He spread his net for the richest men in England, and peers, bankers, directors walked into it. He needed £12,000,000 for a Chilian railway project—and he all but got it.

"What About It?"

An astute American lawyer—Judge Goynne—who happened to be in London heard of the project and made inquiries. Thus a photograph from the New York Rogues' Gallery came to London—and the game was up. The masquerader was sent for by his dupes, and imperturbably smilingly innocent he came. He coolly admitted his identity. "Well, what are you going to do about it?" he laughed, lighting a cigarette. He knew that none of them would care to risk the ridicule of appearing in court.

James A. Currie, known at Scotland Yard as "Red Adams" and to other people by various names, invented a variation of the gold brick swindle. Red Adams would water the obituary notices in the London papers. When a rich man died he would address a letter to him as though they had been on intimate terms. He would explain that he had just arrived in New York from his mines in Colorado, where last season £40,000 in free milling gold was cleared up. One half the proceeds are yours. The point of the letter would be: "We have deferred recording our claims to give you an opportunity to come out or send out some trustworthy person to look after your interests and record the claim staked out for you by your friend."

The need for secrecy was hinted at, and when the relations of the dead man got the letter they would sometimes send out a representative. He would be met by a typical Westerner, a simple son of the soil with guileless countenance and a bluff breezy manner. The writer of the letter, he would explain, had been suddenly recalled to Colorado. He would take the English visitor to dinner, and then would come a wire:

"Syndicate got wind of discovery; endeavouring to buy adjoining land. Our option expires in three days. Short £25,000. Send same to complete purchase."

In an astonishing number of cases the Englishman was persuaded to raise the money. When Red Adams was at last brought to book it was found that within ten years he had amassed £200,000 by this means.—George Dillnot in Evening News.



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JAPANESE SHIP'S DISASTER.

DRIFTING DISABLED FOR 11 MONTHS.

A SAILOR'S DIARY

A revealing insight into the thoughts of men who faced inevitable death as they drifted helplessly across the Pacific for 11 months in a disabled 83-foot boat is given in a diary found aboard the ill-fated Japanese fishing smack, *Ryo-Fei Maru*.

A translation of the diary, which was discovered in the personal effects of Gennosuke Matsumoto, a member of the crew of 12 on the little "death ship," was published in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Disaster, the diary revealed, hastened the death of the starving men on the *Ryo-Fei Maru*, which was washed up on the Washington coast bearing the bodies of two of the crew and the bleached bones of the others. Evidence of cannibalism was found on the hapless craft.

The diary, kept by Sutejiro Izawa until he died three months after the start of the voyage and then taken over by Matsumoto, began when the vessel put out from the port of Misaki, near Yokohama December 5th, 1926, on what was to have been a short fishing cruise.

A week later, it was written in the penciled chronicle, the ship's engine became disabled.

Events during the months of drifting that eventually carried the laden craft to the Pacific coast of the United States are graphically recorded in excerpts from the faded diary.

December 20th—When the westerly winds were blowing day after day, the captain began to talk of taking a big chance and heading for America. May we not be called upon to suffer too much hardship, especially the men with wives and children. I believe the home folks are worrying very much. It may be everything might have been so fated. Words of the ancients say the sins of the fathers are rested upon the children.

Day Spent in Prayer.

December 21st—From morning to evening we spent all our time praying.

December 28th—Unable to head west, we have at last turned toward the east. We have finally decided to risk all and head for America.

December 28th—Even our deepest prayers do not draw pity from our angry god. O Kumpira (Japanese sailors' god), have pity on us or we shall throw away our charms. No! No! No! Let us not think of such heresy. Please pity us and forgive us. For 13 hours more we have drifted.

January 1st, New Year day—The 16th year of Taisho. We celebrated this day by mixing rice and red beans and enjoying the luxury of koya jofu (dried bean cake). He has sent us rain. We gathered it in canvases and shall hoard it as a miser hoards his gold.

Ship Ignores Signals.

January 27th—A ship, a ship! Happy madness seized us as we sighted a steamer. We build a fire, we wave; we shout; we dance. But, O Kumpira, the stranger does not see us and is gone. Alas, again we are drifting. We know not whether O Kumpira, are you without mercy?

February 13th—Sickness is upon us. Hattzo Terada has lain in his bunk these past five days and is wasting away.

March 6th—To-day at breakfast we had no food.

March 9th—Denjiro Hasei this day died of illness. (He was the first of the ill-fated crew to perish).

March 17th—There being no wind, we repaired the sails Sutejiro Izawa (the chronicler) died. (On this date Matsumoto began keeping the diary).

April 18th—Yoshihiro Uchida, who was ill, died in the forenoon. (He was the tenth of the crew to die, leaving only the captain and Matsumoto).

April 29th—Prairie, Kumpira. It has rained. We have water again.

May 5th—Being ill, I could no longer stand at the wheel.

May 6th—Captain Tokizo Miki became very ill.

May 8th—Ship adrift. Only two of us, and both so ill. The ship is now running with no one at the wheel.

May 11th—Cloudy. Waves high. Ship adrift with rolled up sails. I am suffering of the captain's illness.

(This is the last entry in the log written by Matsumoto. His body, with that of the captain and the whitening bones of the others, was found in the cabin of the ship when it drifted up on the Washington coast.)

HOLLYWOOD'S ENGLISH COLONY.

SUCCESSES—AND OTHERS.

[BY IRIS HARRY.]

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

Only by running over the names of prominent film actors in Hollywood does one realize how many Englishmen have attained stardom. Ronald Colman and Victor McLaglen are known all over the world, and the character of Karenin in the film version of Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina" was taken by a courteous old English actor called Brandon Hurst, the original Charley in "Charley's Aunt" long years ago.

The women are less numerous than the men; Doris Lloyd, who has been doing some good work in many recent pictures, is one of the few film actresses from England who have made a success, and at the moment she is back on the stage playing lead opposite Douglas Fairbanks, jun., in "Young Woodley."

A young girl only just in her twenties, Iris Gouling, sister of Edmund Gouling, the director, is more talked about than any player on the legitimate stage in Los Angeles. She made her debut in a difficult role specially written for her by John Colton, author of "Rain," in his new play "The Devil's Plum Tree."

An elderly film player, the nicest Aberdonian woman imaginable, Margaret Mann has also just finished one of the most interesting roles allotted to a film "mother" since "Stella Dallas," in a picture not to be issued for some time yet, tentatively titled "Grandma Bernie Learns Her Letters." Here will be a memorable name to cinema-goers; it is to seldom that success comes to one so late in life that her story must appeal to all when they have seen her performance.

English Reserve and Outness.

Not all the Englishmen in Hollywood are successful; there are scores of men whom life at home had no room for after the war, playing little bits of parts and acting in crowds, and keeping up a brave appearance and being rather disliked in a tolerant way for their "very English" reserve and curtness.

But in contrast there are men like Norman Trevor and Alec Francis, younger actors like Ralph Forbes and Lawford Davidson and Philip Strange, with constant employment in interesting if not spectacular roles, all of whom are liked both as actors and because they are English. Abroad, if not at home, one realizes acutely that English people are either liked because they have real qualities, or disliked because when they are unpleasant they exceed every other nation in unpleasantness!

The "Experts." There are the English "experts," too; nearly all of them Army men, who act as advisers on detail. Perhaps the most interesting of these is Captain Sterling C. Campbell, one of our most brilliant airmen, who has acted both in "Wings" and in a further air-film made in Hollywood, in addition to his work of expert on war-time detail and on flying.

Remittance men, forgotten men, failures, born wanderers, adventurers, retired soldiers, younger sons of great, impoverished families, boxers, writers, in one capacity or another, successful or unsuccessful, these Britons are knit into the very fabric of the film world in Hollywood. Some of them will never come home; some of them we shall never hear of; some of them ride on the crest of a tide of personal success beyond the average actor's dreams.

Daily Mail.

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Judgment was entered for the defendants in the action for damages brought by Mrs. Mary Christian Venn, of London, against Dr. J. M. Todd, medical superintendent at the Crofton Borough Isolation Hospital, and Dr. F. J. Elder, formerly his assistant at that institution, in respect of the death of her husband in June 1922.

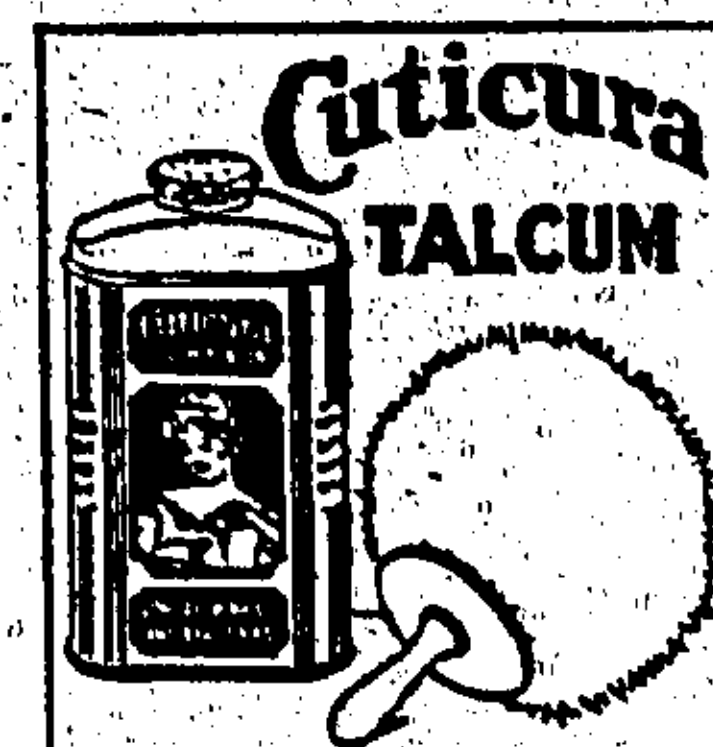
Mrs. Venn's case was that her husband's death was due to the negligence of the doctors in not diagnosing an abscess sooner than they had done.

The doctors denied that they had been guilty of negligence.

The case had been heard twice before and Mrs. Venn sued as a poor person and at each trial was represented by Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., and Mr. Goodman.

The previous trials had occupied the courts for eight days and six days respectively, and the third trial went into the sixth day. Mr. Justice Horridge, who previously described the efforts of Sir Henry Maddocks on Mrs. Venn's behalf as "a noble sacrifice."

A barrister told a reporter that, though it was difficult to estimate accurately the fees of a leading counsel, there could be no doubt that Sir Henry Maddocks had sacrificed about £1,000 in the case.



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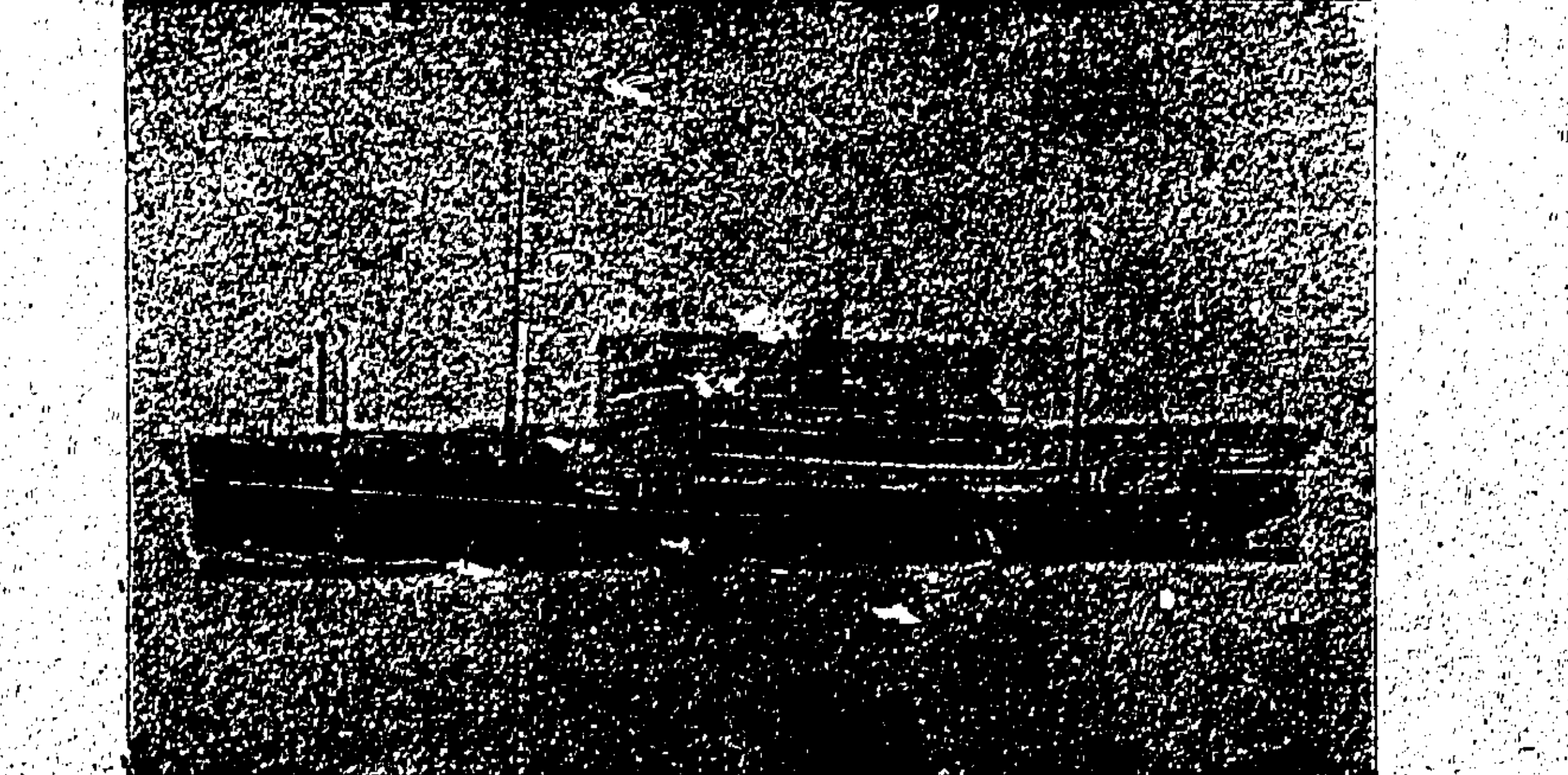
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ARRIVALS.	VESSELS EXPECTED.	Hong Kong Meteorological Register.
December 27th. Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,292 tons, Capt. K. Yaguta, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.	Australian-Oriental Line. Taiping, Jan. 7th. Changte, Feb. 7th.	Four Hong Kong Observatory, December 28th. Previous On Date On Date Day at 2 p.m. at 6 a.m. at 2 p.m.
December 28th. Daigen Maru, Japanese str., 1,318 tons, Capt. J. Yoneda, from Wakamatsu, which port she left on December 21st, lying at buoy No. C17.—Y. Sato Co.	Bank Line. City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th. City of Madras, Jan. 21st. City of Bombay, Feb. 18th. City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.	Barometer... 29.85 29.91 29.92 Temperature... 76 67 73 Humidity... 68 64 70 Wind... W Calm ESE Direction... W Calm ESE Force... 2 0 0 Weather... C O M O Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00
December 29th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Blue Funnel Line. Lion, to-day. Pegasus, to-day. Tyndarus, to-day. Pyrrhus, Dec. 31st. Myrmidon, Jan. 7th. Rhezenor, Jan. 9th. Hector, Jan. 13th. Mentor, Jan. 18th. Protetia, Jan. 17th. Troilus, Jan. 21st. Nereus, Jan. 21st. Ningchow, Feb. 2nd. Philotetel, Feb. 5th. Talthybius, Feb. 7th. Aeneas, Feb. 13th. Autolytus, Feb. 19th. Achilles, Feb. 27th. Medon, Feb. 28th. Polyphemus, Feb. 28th. Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd. Calchas, Mar. 4th. Sarpedon, Mar. 8th. Rhesus, Mar. 16th. Teiresias, Mar. 18th. Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.	Lowest open-air Temperature, 27th: 67 Lowest open-air Temperature, 28th: 68
January 1st. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	British-India and Apcar Line. Santhia, Jan. 2nd. Garmula, Jan. 7th. Taktika, Jan. 12th.	B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.
January 2nd. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Canadian Pacific Line. Empress of Asia, to-day.	HONG KONG TIDE TABLE. From Dec. 28th, 1927, to Jan. 4th, 1928. High Water. Low Water.
January 3rd. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Dodwell & Co. Corby Castle, Jan. 1st. Vimaine, Jan. 5th. Houes Castle, Jan. 22nd.	Days of Week Date of Month Hong Kong Standard Time Height Hong Kong Standard Time Height
January 4th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Dollar Steamship Line. President Harrison, Dec. 31st.	Thurs. 29 2 25 4 3 7 23 1 1 Fri. 30 0 33 7 1 8 22 1 4 Sat. 31 5 13 4 0 6 56 4 0 Sun. 1 4 9 0 0 9 14 1 8 Mon. 2 3 18 5 8 10 7 2 2 Tue. 3 4 57 5 6 10 39 3 5 Wed. 4 4 48 5 3 10 59 2 5
January 5th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen. Java, Jan. 23rd. Australia, Feb. 15th. Asia, Feb. 21st.	Tues. 3 6 12 5 0 10 13 2 8 Wed. 4 6 21 4 7 11 48 2 9 Thurs. 5 7 31 4 8 12 28 2 2
January 6th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Eastern and Australian Lines. Ararua, Jan. 2nd. Tanda, Feb. 6th.	Wed. 4 7 0 1 2 0 51 3 1
January 7th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Glen Line. Glenamoy, Jan. 20th. Glenunda, Jan. 28th. Glenapp, Feb. 2nd. Glenclive, Feb. 23rd. Glenarthen, Mar. 4th.	
January 8th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linie. Albert Vogler, Jan. 5th. Oldenburg, Jan. 12th. Havelland, Jan. 28th. Saarland, Feb. 5th. Emil Kirdoff, Feb. 25th.	
January 9th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Holland East Asia Line. Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.	
January 10th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Java-China-Japan Line. Tjikini, Jan. 2nd. Tjiluwong, Jan. 2nd. Tjilaroa, Jan. 5th. Tjimanuck, Jan. 8th. Tjimalak, Jan. 16th. Tjitaroem, Jan. 18th. Tjiondori, Jan. 19th.	
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January 12th. Hing Maru, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.	Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen. Anhalt, Jan. 12th. Saarbrücken, Jan. 17th. Coblenz, Feb. 14th.	

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.

LOW CARGO ALL THROUGH.

FEWER ARRIVALS.

There were only 11 arrivals during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, and cargo brought for the Colony and for other ports was below the average.

There were only 4,893 tons of general freights imported into the Colony, of which two British ships contributed 1,122 tons. The two best returns were 1,510 tons on the s.s. *Ryoko Maru* from Takao, and 1,300 tons by the s.s. *Kamo Maru* from Singapore.Through cargo amounted to 10,800 tons, with one British ship, the *Derantha*, from Singapore, contributing 3,060 tons. The heaviest return was 5,091 tons by the *Kamo Maru*, from Singapore.

The arrivals and departures during the period were the following:

Arr.	Dep.
British	2
Dutch	1
Japanese	3
Chinese	3
Norwegian	0
American	0
Total	9

THE OLD SWAN PIER.

Before long it will be no longer possible to hang over London Bridge and watch trippers embarking at Old Swan Pier for the perils of the Margate passage. The Port of London Authority is doing away with the pier and providing a new one close to the Tower, off the curious little dock that exists there. It will be a small but noticeable change in London's habits when this last relic of the sea adventures of Victorian times is abolished.

The Old Swan Pier was a real link between London and the outer waters, and the change is still another stage in the tendency of modern London to turn her back on the waterway by which she lives.

The Old Swan Pier is doomed by the spirit of improvement because of the inconvenience of the approach, which was adventure in itself, as it involved exploring narrow and steep lanes and corkscrewing round the base of the classical cliff of Fishmongers' Hall, and usually struggling aboard through a sort of bottleneck in a crush in which the trippers' sandwiches were in danger of getting damaged. Nowadays also the steamers are bigger and have to be carefully managed to get under the piers of London Bridge.

Dickens, of course, had his eye on Old Swan Pier. In his day boats for the Continent used to start from it, and everyone will remember the famous chapter in "Martin Chuzzlewit" about Mrs. Gamp and the "Ankerwerk's packidg." There is something about it, too, in "Sketches by Boz," from which we learn that the cheerful bustle and crowding of Margate embarkation is a thing that has been going on for a long time—like most London scenes.—*Manchester Guardian*.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

NEW CARGO VESSELS
ORDERED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

During the last two months or so Cardiff shipowners have ordered 34 new vessels. That this order should have come at a time when the export trade of South Wales is bad has occasioned surprise in many quarters.

Shipbuilders are glad of the orders, but they are by no means sanguine that it is an assurance of better times ahead for their industry. The absence of orders over a period of years probably leads people to exaggerate the importance of 34 new vessels, aggregating nearly 300,000 tons dead weight.

Inquiry from mineowners as to whether they could throw any light on the matter showed that though the export of coal is not what it ought to be, there is still a considerable volume of trade being done and that there are indications that the worst has been seen.

MARINE COURT.

Three mistresses and five masters of cargo boats were charged at the Marine Court yesterday morning with anchoring their craft inshore on December 28th within the prohibited hour. Seven of them were fined 25 each and one defendant who had had a previous conviction had to pay \$10.

DIED AT SEA.

The Dutch steamer *Van Heutz* arriving from Belawan Deli and Singapore with 2,027 deck passengers, reports the death of one Chinese *en route*. The cause of death was not stated and the body was buried at sea.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

Only two vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. The total number which entered was 2,142, and of these, the s.s. *Van Heutz*, from Singapore carried 2,027.

STEAMSHIP SALE.

There will be offered for sale at Messrs. Lammett Bros. Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, today (Thursday) at noon, the steamship *Wing Ping*, which is at present lying in Canton Harbour. This steamer has a length of 115 feet, breadth of 34 feet, gross tonnage of 501, and H.P. 260. She is being sold by order of the mortgagees.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:-

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle*, *France*, *Stirling*, *Stormcloud*, *Cicala*; South Wall Basin, S/Ms. *L.3*, *L.4*, *L.8*, *L.19*, *L.27*; East Wall Basin, *Argus*, *Khark*; North Arm, *Hawkins*, *Petersfield*; West Wall Dock, *Wolverine*, *Moore*, *Faulkner*; No. 1 Buoy, *Magnolia*; No. 2 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 4 Buoy, *Troquois*; No. 6 Buoy, *Titanic*; S/Ms. *L.3*, *L.7*, *L.20*; No. 7 Buoy, *Ambrose*; S/Ms. *L.1*, *L.5*, *L.15*, *L.33*; No. 8 Buoy, *Marathon*; No. 9 Buoy, *Seppoy*, *Seraph*; No. 11 Buoy, *Seraph*, *Sigurd*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Brue*; No. 15 Buoy, *Fortol*; No. 19 Buoy, *Belgic*; No. 25 Buoy, *Ruthenia*.Training Men of War—French, *Jules*, *Michelt*; U.S.S. *Pampanga*.

Prison For Troublesome Fireman

Singapore, Dec. 20th.

A severe sentence was inflicted in the Marine Court this morning upon an Arab fireman, a native of Aden, who was charged with continued disobedience to the master of the ship *Ribera* while at sea.

Capt. G. S. Weatherill stated that when the ship was lying at Saigon, defendant came on board in a beastly state of intoxication and with his face marked as the result of a fight with some French sailors ashore. On the following day he refused duty, saying that he was sick, and on the day after that witness took him to a doctor, who dressed his wounds, but said that these were only superficial, and that he was quite fit to do his work.

From that time the accused had consistently refused to do anything. Witness complained to the British Consul at Saigon, who advised him to seek assistance at Singapore if the man still refused to work, and he had refused since that time.

Accused said he was sick, and that he told the captain that he would work when he was better.

The Master Attendant (Captain Freyberg, R.N.): When you sign on in a British ship you must keep to your word. There are too many cases of willful disobedience to the lawful commands of British shipmasters coming up at this port.

The Master Attendant said there were no redeeming features in the case. The accused had been a nuisance to the captain and everybody on board the *Ribera*, and he would be sentenced to twenty-eight days rigorous imprisonment, with forfeiture of six days pay, and repatriation to the United Kingdom at his own expense at the expiration of the sentence.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Shanghai on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong to-day (Thursday) at noon. She leaves for Manila to-morrow (Friday) at 5 p.m.The P. & O. s.s. *Delta* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 25th inst. at 8 a.m., with the outward mails, and is due here to-morrow (Friday) at about 4 p.m.The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, which left Hong Kong on December 7th, arrived at Vancouver on December 25th.SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th
MERIDIAN, EAST OF
GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 29th...	7.02 a.m.	5.48 p.m.
" 30th...	7.03 "	5.48 "
" 31st...	7.03 "	5.49 "

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"KALYAN"	9,144	9th Jan. "	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan. "	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"MALWA"	10,953	4th Feb. "	Marseilles and London.
"KEYBER"	9,114	18th Feb. "	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"NELLOR"	6,555	23rd Feb. "	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	10th Mar. "	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,935	17th Mar. "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,123	24th Mar. "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	31st Mar. "	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	10,504	14th April, "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	23rd April, "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,008	13th May, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,953	26th May, "	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	3rd June, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	10th June, "	do.

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"ARAFURA"	9,935	3rd Jan., 1928	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"SANTHA"	7,734	14th Jan. "	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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Sandakan	...	Sui Sang...	...		1.30 P.M.
Swatow	...	Hydrangae	...		3.30 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Is- land, 14th January, 1923	...	St. Albans	...	Friday, 30th.	Noon
Bangkok	...	Chinhua	...	Secy.	1.45 P.M.
Manila	...	Empress of Asia...	...	Letters	2.30 P.M.
Wei Hai Wei	...	Huichow	...		2.00 P.M.
					3.30 P.M.
					5.00 P.M.
Saigon & South Africa	...	Manila Maru	...	Saturday, 31st.	2.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	...	Hoi Ning	...		1.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th Jan., 1923	...	Hakusen Maru	...	Kowloon P.O.	Reg. 3.00 P.M.
				Letters	3.00 P.M.
					G.P.O.
					Reg. 3.45 P.M.
					Letters 4.30 P.M.
					Parcels 4.00 P.M.
					Letters 5.00 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	...	Fook Sang	...		2.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia...	...	Saigang	...		5.00 P.M.
Amoy	...	Anking	...		5.00 P.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	...	Tan	...		5.00 P.M.
				- JANUARY -	
Bangkok via Swatow	...	Kalgan	...	Sunday, 1st.	8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	...	Houan Maru	...		9.00 A.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	...	Taikwa Maru	...	Tuesday, 3rd.	8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	...	Tai Hong...	...		Noon
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 3rd February, 1923	...	Andre Lebas	...	Kowloon P.O.	Reg. 1.00 P.M.
				Letters	1.00 P.M.
					G.P.O.
					Reg. 1.45 P.M.
					Letters 2.30 P.M.
					5.00 P.M.
Swatow	...	Kwongpang	...	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Van- couver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 22nd Jan., 1923, & Europe via Siberia	...	Emp. of Russia	...	Wednesday, 4th.	Reg. 9.15 A.M.
					Letters 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	...	Menado Maru	...	Wednesday, 4th.	8.30 A.M.
Sandakan	...	Mauwang	...		1.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd Feb., 1923	...	Morea	...	Friday, 6th.	Kowloon P.O.
					Parcels 4.50 P.M.
					Reg. 7th, 9.00 A.M.
					Letters 10.00 A.M.
					G.P.O.
					Parc. 6th, 5.00 P.M.
					Reg. 7th, 9.45 A.M.
					Letters 10.30 A.M.
Amoy	...	Nansang	...	Saturday, 7th.	5.00 P.M.

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